

THE EVANGELICAL CRUSADER
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
December 4, 1943

Dear Crusader Editor:

There are so many books of devotion from which to choose. What one would you recommend for my father and mother?
East Penn.

Dear Crusader Reader:

Any book by Dr. Robert E. Speer, world-Christian, is important. Perhaps his greatest contribution to religious literature is a book of devotions which should find its way to every Christian home; a book for the layman as well as the minister. It is "Five Minutes a Day" (Westminster Press. \$1.00). Over a period of many years Dr. Speer has garnered these inspiring and helpful Biblical quotations, religious prayers, and poems of all ages. The book is so arranged that one can begin using it at any time, and the concluding pages of readings for special days help to make it unique in the field of devotional literature. Here is a truly inspirational book for personal, family or group devotions, to make living more worthwhile. Your parents will find in this little volume daily help, encouragement, and deep spiritual strength.

FIRM FOUNDATION
Austin, Texas
November 23, 1943

"Five Minutes A Day," by Robert Elliott Spear. Published by The Westminster Press, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Publication date, November 8, 1943. 384 pages, bound in cloth. Price, \$1.00.

Over a period of many years the author has garnered Biblical quotations, prayers and great poems of the ages. These are combined in an inspirational book for personal, family or group devotion, designed to make living more worthwhile. The reader will find herein daily help, encouragement and spiritual strength.

November 27, 1943

2. **Five Minutes A Day** with the Bible, the Poets, the Saints; compiled by **Robert E. Speer**. pp. 384. \$1.00.

This is again a product of "the Westminster Press" and takes its place in the number of excellent volumes recently published by our own Board of Publication. The name of the compiler is at once expressive of its merit. Dr. Speer has strengthened thousands by his unqualified witness to Christ. This devotional collection bears the stamp of his disciplined and devout mind. The meditative material of this little volume is composed of aptly chosen Bible verses, the cream of inspirational poetry and the prayer classics of the centuries. Though not dated, there is found here a five minute meditation for every day of the year, allowing for the festival season bringing the total number up to 375. You will be feasting on the finest spiritual fare when you read these pages and your spirit will revive under the impact of the elevating power of Scripture, poetry and prayer.

\$5.

THE FREE METHODIST
December 10, 1943

It has been said, "Moments are golden," which is quite true if those moments are well spent. Dr. Speer's little book will materially aid busy people, common, every-day folk with little time to devote to reading, to get the very best from a few moments which will cheer and lift the soul above the carking cares of life.

FIVE MINUTES A DAY

Robert E. Speer

\$1.00

Each reading is fitly captioned, and can be read at any time, thereby making it suitable for any occasion. A fine gift. W. D. McMULLEN.
Westminster Press, 1943. 384 pages, cloth.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMER
Nashville, Tennessee
April, 1944

Five Minutes a Day. By Robert E. Speer.
Philadelphia, Westminster Press, 1943.
384 p. \$1.00.

This book, small and attractive, is one of the best books in the field of personal devotional literature. Dr. Speer has compiled in this volume some of the best devotional material that Christians have produced. It is cast in simple form for the use of the average layman in his personal devotional life; but it is also valuable in connection with family devotions and meditations and in connection with grace at meals.

The versatility of the book makes it possible to start at any point in the book and find something of value for spiritual enrichment. An appendix to the book contains worship materials for special days.

THE UNION REVIEW
Union Theological Seminary
New York, New York

Five Minutes a Day. By R. E. Speer. Philadelphia, Westminster Press, 1943. \$1.

A pleasant little anthology of short devotions. The selection of poems is rather better than usual in such books.

Five Minutes a Day, compiled by ROBERT E. SPEER, is a remarkable collection of 365 daily devotions by one of the great mis-

~~missionary~~ ^{Baptist} missionary leaders of our time. The name of the compiler is sufficient to guarantee a choice compilation of appropriate Scripture passages, choice devotional poetry, prayers, prose and selections from the religious literature of the ages. The strange fact is that it was never intended for publication, but was compiled for personal and private use. That is perhaps the best indication of its superb quality, for it is one of the finest books of its type ever published. To spend a year with this book, using it "five minutes a day" must inevitably bring enrichment of soul and a deepened spiritual experience. (Westminster Press, 384 pages, \$1.00.)

March 1944

FIVE MINUTES A DAY

By Robert E. Speer

Published By The Westminster Press,
Philadelphia, Pa. Price \$1.00.

Five Minutes A Day With The Bible, The Poets, The Saints, is the title of Dr. Robert E. Speer's new book of daily devotion. Those of us who have known Dr. Speer over a period of years were delighted when we learned that he was going to share with us the materials which he had gathered for his own private devotions over a period of years. We expected much and we have not been disappointed. The book contains a page of devotions for 375 days. Each page has its own subject: "Vision," "The Night Cometh," "Sin Not Worth The Price," etc. The Scripture, poems and prayers are coupled together in such a manner that each subject lives.

Dr. Speer's use of Scripture has always made the Word a living power. He employs the usual technique in this little book. Several questions will be so arranged that each verse compliments some other verse. For example, on the page entitled, "The Leader Of Angels," he quotes the familiar Genesis story of Jacob's Bethel Dream (Gen. 28:11,12), and follows it with Jesus' words as they are recorded in John 1:51. The book is an anthology of religious poetry from the far distant past to such modern poets as Vachel Lindsley and Walter Rauschenbush. There are poems for every mood and for every experience. Chester Firkins' "In A Subway Express," Eugene F. Ware's "Washer-Woman," and scores of other modern poems find their places beside the religious poems of the ages. The prayers are gathered from a like variety of sources, and each one is selected so skillfully that the worshipper finds himself, not reading, but praying. —Fred. M. Whitney.

January 1, 1944

FIVE MINUTES A DAY WITH THE BIBLE, THE POETS, THE SAINTS. Compiled by Robert E. Speer. The Westminster Press; \$1.00 net.

Robert E. Speer is one of the best-known men in Christian circles, especially among people interested in foreign missions. He is a layman, who gathered for private use the material presented in this book. Friends recommended publication.

The book offers a devotion for each of the 365 days of the year and for special holidays. But it differs from other devotional books. It does not follow the calendar but brings well-selected Bible passages, followed by a poem or a hymn, and then comes a prayer. Each page has a title indicating the contents of the meditation. An index enables the reader to look up special topics . . . for quiet thought and prayer. Undoubtedly, many people will welcome Speer's book.—F. BRAUN.

THE EARNEST WORKER
A Guide for Sunday-School Teachers
and Leaders
Presbyterian Committee of Publication
Richmond, Virginia

March, 1944

FIVE MINUTES A DAY. By Robert E. Speer. Westminster Press. 384 pages. \$1.00.

Anything Dr. Speer writes interests me greatly. His place in the Christian world is unique, and his record as a writer and interpreter of missions and evangelical Christianity has few rivals. His name on the cover of a book usually suggests something deeply spiritual in content and constructive in presentation.

"Five Minutes a Day," an attractively printed and bound book of daily devotions, is a compilation of poems and prayers, together with Scripture selections, that have meant much to Dr. Speer during the years. While providing a wonderful insight into Dr. Speer's own spiritual life and attainment, the relation between the daily topic and the material that follows will not always be apparent to casual users. It is definitely not intended for the beginner in family worship.—EDWARD D. GRANT, Richmond, Virginia.

January, 1944

... The gigantic Christian character of **Robert E. Speer** has been a legend in the life of the Church for half a century. Now he has taken us to the inner sanctuary of his own great soul in a little manual of private devotions called *FIVE MINUTES A DAY* (*Westminster Press, Philadelphia*. 384p. \$1.00). It is a pocket-sized book beautifully printed on thin paper. Each page contains material for a brief experience of devotional meditation—passages of Scripture, poetry and a prayer. There is beauty not only in typography but in literary composition. Very modestly Dr. Speer says, "It is a simple, homely affair for busy people who can find, because they must, a little time at the beginning or ending of the day for a bit of quiet thought and prayer."

THE REVIEW AND EXPOSITOR
A Baptist Theological Quarterly
January, 1944

Five Minutes a Day. By Robert Elliott Speer. The Westminster Press, Philadelphia, Pa. 1943. 384 pages. \$1.00.

Dr. Speer is Secretary Emeritus of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America. Each page of his book is given a title, such as "Praying Always" or "All Good is Ours." Scripture, poems, and prayers are the materials with which he has built a five minute devotional from each of these titles. As is the case with most collections of this kind, many of the poems chosen are well-known, many are relatively unknown.

In his Preface, Dr. Speer says of his book: "The material of this little book was prepared entirely for personal use. . . It is a simple, homely affair for busy people who can find, because they must, a little time at the beginning or ending of the day for a bit of quiet thought and prayer."

A small volume with print easy to see, it provides one with a handy supplementary volume for the desk at home or in the office.

Charles A. McGlon

THE CHRISTIAN-EVANGELIST

National Weekly of Disciples of Christ

2700 Pine Boulevard

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Gentlemen:

The clippings attached refer to publications issued by your house. They

appeared in THE CHRISTIAN-EVANGELIST of January 26, 1944---

EVERY DAY A PRAYER. By Margueritte Harmon Bro. Willett, Clark and Co. Chicago. 396 pages. \$1.50.

FIVE MINUTES A DAY. By Robert E. Speer. Westminster Press. Philadelphia. 384 pages. \$1.00.

DURING times when people turn their thoughts in the direction of God and when the devotional life is noticeably deepening, new materials are welcome. For those who prefer to have a whole year's program of meditation under one binding, here are offered what are probably the two best books of their kind since the much-used *The Daily Altar* by Herbert Willett and Charles Clayton Morrison.

The manual by Mrs. Bro is a distinctly new development of devotional material. For the novice in the prayer-life it is too advanced with its references to the works of scholars and its quotations and stories from the sages of many lands. Its daily studies sometimes become brilliant essays, which would not commend them to those who seek for simplicity as a principal quality in devotional aids. But for one who has anything of patience and perseverance in spiritual growth, this is the book of the year. It is daring in its range of experimentation. It is inspiring in its bits of narrative. It stirs one's mind in a thousand new directions. The gems of thought which one finds by digging into it make the lover of good literature feel as if here were a freshly discovered mine of soul-diamonds.

The book by Robert E. Speer has the same grace one finds in the soul of the man. It is the fruitage of years of prayer. There is much of a great heart in it. This is condensed spiritual power. The Scriptural selections for each day are in combinations which only a student of the Book could make. The prayers are occasionally those of the writer, more often the great prayers of the church throughout the centuries. What is done in this little volume is what one would expect of one who has been a great man for God. Yet there is one thing, not expected, which is discovered. There are over three hundred of the most satisfying poems an author could select for personal worship. For a blending of scripture, poetry, and prayers, this manual is not surpassed.

MAURICE W. FOGLE.

RELIGIOUS TELESCOPE
Dayton, Ohio
December 18, 1943

"FIVE MINUTES A DAY," compiled by Robert E. Speer; 384 pages; published by the Westminster Press, Philadelphia; price \$1.

The material of this book has been cast in form suitable for individual use or for use in family worship. It provides for each day some Bible verses, a poem embodying one central thought, and an appropriate prayer. The book is so arranged that one can begin using it at any time, and the concluding pages of readings for special days help to make it unique in the field of devotional literature. The author is one of the world's great Christians, and well known in almost every land for his dynamic leadership in the work of foreign missions.

San Francisco Seminary, Alameda, Cal. 43

Five Minutes a Day

by Robert E. Speer; Westminster Press;
375 pages; 1943; \$1.00

This is a little book of daily devotions, compiled by Dr. Speer originally for private and personal use only. Each page has a title, and contains a selection from the Scriptures, printed in full; a suitable poem; and a prayer fitting the

theme for the day. The daily titles cover a wide and interesting range and are indexed alphabetically; the poems are chosen from many sources. The daily pages are not dated, and their use may commence at any time. They cover a little more than a year.

Here is a selection of rich portions for those who have but a few minutes alone or at the family altar, or who wish to add this final touch to their more extended personal devotions. Many copies of this little book were sold before it was off the press, and it will be widely used for years to come.—H.B.

THE DREW GATEWAY

Autumn, 1944

The laymen find a place on our ecumenical bookshelf with Dr. Robert E. Speer's compact *Five Minutes a Day* and Marguerite Harmon Bro's *Every Day a Prayer*. From a wealth of material Dr. Speer garners the grain of the best poems and prayers, preceded by Biblical passages. It covers 365 days, quickens rather than discourages creative thought, and is of value for its treasury of excellent poetry. It seems to me the best book since J. H. Oldham's *Devotional Diary*, and may stand as a companion volume to it. Its use among laymen, starved for practical suggestions in this field, needs to be encouraged.

THE WATCHWORD
Dayton, Ohio
December 5, 1943

"Five Minutes a Day"

This is a book of meditations prepared for both individual and family use. It provides a meditation for each day covering a brief period of time and includes some Bible verses, a poem presenting a central thought, and an appropriate prayer. It is a kind of devotional book that busy people will appreciate whether used in private devotion or family worship. Its use may begin at any time because the meditations are not dated. The very mention of the author's name gives weight to this volume and it will be enthusiastically welcomed by all who desire to enter the inner sanctuary of worship and there have the stimulation of these fine meditations. Prepared by Dr. Robert E. Spear. Published by the Westminster Press, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Cloth binding stamped in gold, 384 pages, price, \$1.00.

Westminster Press

FIVE MINUTES A DAY

Compiled by

ROBERT E. SPEER

\$1.00

"In this volume one of the leading Christian laymen of our time shares with us the sources of inspiration where he has himself nourished his spirit for more than half a century. The really unique thing about this companion to devotion is that it is no mere anthology of Scripture passages, poetical gems new and old, and great prayers, all marvelously selected. Here we have rather the secret of a great Christian crusader, the brooks of God at which he drank by the way, the Interpreter's House where he was oriented for his journey, the panoply divine with which he has fought. This little book is a summons to pilgrimage, not an invitation to cloistered devotion."

John A. Mackay.

A Very Special Book

FIVE MINUTES A DAY

Compiled by ROBERT E. SPEER

This is an exceptional book of daily meditations for personal, family, or group devotions . . . five minutes a day with the Bible, the poets, and the saints. In it is a meditation for every day of the year plus many seasonal messages, making it unique among devotional publications.

Dr. Speer has been collecting this material for his own use over the course of a lifetime, and we finally persuaded him to allow us to publish it in book form. It comes off press November 8, and will sell for only \$1.00. It is hoped that the widest possible use of the book may be enjoyed by Christian people.

To introduce FIVE MINUTES A DAY to lay people, we are hoping that you will deem it advisable to find some person or group in your Church who will undertake the selling of copies to members of your congregation. If so, we will send you as many copies as you think can be disposed of, with the privilege of returning those unsold. We believe this to be a very special case because it is a very special book.

THE WESTMINSTER PRESS

ADVANCE

May, 1944

FIVE MINUTES A DAY

By Robert E. Speer. (Westminster Press. \$1.00.)

IN THE AUTHOR'S WORDS this book "simply provides for each day some Bible verses and a poem embodying one central thought and an appropriate prayer." It has grown out of his private experiences of devotion.—Mrs. E. E. McClintock, Chicago, Ill.

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This Week's Book

(Can be obtained, postpaid, from all Presbyterian Book Stores)

FIVE MINUTES A DAY, compiled by Robert E. Speer. Westminster Press. 375+viii pp. \$1.

The publishers have styled it correctly on the jacket underneath the title—"Five Minutes a Day with the Bible, the Poets, the Saints." The compiler further explains that it was gathered over a lifetime for personal use and not for publication—"a simple, homely affair." As such, it makes no pretense of rivalry with the great confessional classics. It is a small book for busy people who are increasingly conscious of their daily need of renewing strength.

But when all this is said, it is in no sense by way of apology. This book again lays us under a heavy debt to a Christian life lived with prodigious energy and effective service. As the writer of the first Psalm long ago observed, such a life is "like a tree planted by the rivers of water." Dr. Speer has simply explained to us some of the hidden streams which have fed his own life.

As a book for practical use, it is admirably calculated. Each page carries a topic, many of them being extraordinarily arresting in themselves. The short arrangement of Scripture, the poem or quotation, and the prayer at the foot of the page—they all develop the theme. The range of topics is so wide that sooner or later almost everyone will meet the answer to his own peculiar need. The book itself is compact enough for the pocket. This makes it available for use in a wide variety of ways.

An increasing number of pastors are inquiring about materials that are suitable both for churches to send to their servicemen this Christmas as well as for commendation to their resident congregations. Here is the book, admirably adapted in every way!—Reviewed by the Rev. John H. Gardner, Minister, First Church, Baltimore, Md.

THE BANNER
Grand Rapids, Mich.
July 21, 1944

FIVE MINUTES A DAY WITH THE
BIBLE, *The Poets and The Saints*, by
Robert E. Speer. The Westminster Press,
Philadelphia, Pa. 384 pages. Price \$1.

DR. SPEER explains in his preface that the material of this little book was originally prepared for personal use only, but the Westminster Press learned of it and wanted to make it available for other common Christian folks.

We are happy that Dr. Speer consented to have this book published for we feel that he has done a very worthwhile work by compiling it.

The book contains for each day some Bible verses and a poem concerning the central theme of the texts and a fitting prayer. A wide variety of subjects is touched upon. All of them deal with experiences that are familiar to you and me. The poems have in large part been taken from papers and magazines and great liberty was taken in abbreviating them as well as in altering the prayers. The subject matter is so arranged that one can begin using the book at any time.

The book is small enough to slip into your pocket or handbag so you can have it handy in those spare moments when you seek to spend just a few minutes in quiet meditation.

Send a copy to a friend and buy one for yourself. We know you will enjoy reading it.

DELIA BOLT

THE PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK
Richmond 19, Virginia
July 20, 1944

**FIVE MINUTES A DAY WITH THE BIBLE, THE POETS,
THE SAINTS.** Compiled by Robert E. Speer. The Westminster
Press, Philadelphia, Pa. 1943. 384 pages. \$1.00.

Dr. Speer has indicated that the material in this book has been assembled at the request of the publishers, who discovered that he had a large collection of material which had been gathered from time to time for personal use. The material, therefore, is just what one would expect and will be very appealing to the large host of friends of Dr. Speer around the world. While the book lacks a certain continuity that the reader might desire, he feels that he is almost looking into the inner life of a great Christian statesman.

PATRICK H. CARMICHAEL.

Richmond, Va.

August-September, 1945

FIVE MINUTES A DAY. *By Robert E. Speer. The Westminster Press, Philadelphia. \$1.00.*

A little day book for spiritual meditation and edification. It consists of over 350 pages, each of which offers some suitable Scripture passages, a spiritual poem, and a brief prayer. Uplifting both as to form and content. Very suitable for presentation gift as well as for daily devotional use.

C. B.

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The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE
REV. JAMES F. RIGGS

November 1, 1943

The Reverend Robert F. Speer, D.D.
Lakeville
Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

A copy of your new devotional booklet, FIVE
MINUTES A DAY is in my hands. I am delighted with it,
and want to thank you in the name of many ministers
who will never write to you -- for giving such a
splendid and quickening book to the Church.

In these days when there is such overwhelming need,
such books as yours are doing a service that can not
be calculated by any method known to man.

Very cordially yours,

James F. Riggs

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GUILFORD C. BABCOCK
ROCKAWAY
NEW JERSEY

November
18
1943

Dear Dr. Speer:

I have so thoroughly enjoyed your "Five Minutes a Day" that I have sent copies to a number of my friends and this morning have a letter of acknowledgment from Charles H. Nuttle, the Executive of The Young Men's Christian Association in Morristown, in which he expresses his appreciation of my sending him the book. This letter is enclosed. It is a magnificent tribute to you.

Cordially yours,

Guilford C. Babcock

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville,
Connecticut.

1 Enclosure

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN
ASSOCIATION
MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

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Dear Colonel Babcock, —

I very greatly appreciate your kindness in sending me Dr. Speer's inspiring book. I am quite sure he and Dr. Mott have guided more students into Christian service than any other men in the last half century. I first heard them at Northfield in the summer of 1901 and owe my life work to their call. For these reasons I shall read this little book with the keenest interest.

Gratefully yours,

Charles H. Nuttle

Nov. 17, 1943



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Clarence Albert Kircher, Minister
Phil W. Barrett, Assistant Minister
13th and N Sts. Opposite Capitol Park
Sacramento, California

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November 18, 1943.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer;

Thank you for those precious hours at Mt. Hermon. It was a most inspiring time of fellowship and I am very grateful to have had an invitation even though I am not in San Francisco Presbytery.

The week in the Gospel of John at Princeton was a high spot for me. We have two large prayermeeting groups here every Wednesday evening going through the Gospel of John and I thank you for the inspiration behind it.

We would like to have you speak to a Northern Christian Endeavor group - there would be an audience that would run into the thousands, two thousand or twenty-five hundred at least. Please let me know when you come west again.

Cordially

Clarence A. Kircher

We have just mailed "Five Minutes a Day" our Service men for Christmas - 326 on our roll.

First Presbyterian Church
Frederick W. Backemeyer, Minister
Gary, Indiana

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Back

November 23, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Our committee on Lenten Services has been arranging for a series of 7 o'clock Sunday evening Lenten preaching services, from about the middle of February through Easter. Dr. E. Stanley Jones will be here on the evening of March 12th, but before that and after, the evenings are being arranged now.

We were wondering if by any chance visit to Chicago you might be in position to give us one of the Sunday evenings. We could give you the choice of any Sunday from February 20 to Easter, with the exception of the 12th of March. If it could be arranged, I can assure you of a great hearing in our church, including not only a large group of our own members, but of neighboring churches as well. Whatever your usual honorarium is for such a service, we shall gladly pay. I need not add that it would be a great delight to me personally, and all of our Session members, if you could honor us with a visit and a message. I have

First Presbyterian Church

Frederick W. Backemeyer, Minister

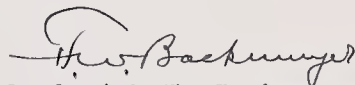
Gary, Indiana

just recently begun my 19th year^s in this pastorate, and have long hoped that we might have you come to our church. If it is at all possible for you to include us, we would be most happy.

I have just gone through your lovely volume just off the press, and find it captivating and helpful in every way. It solves a "Christmas" problem for a number of our parcels to be sent out, and one copy will go to our son, Keith, who is in a radar unit in India. He is located at Chittagong, near Calcutta.

With every good wish, and hoping that you may find it possible to give us a Sunday evening, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,



Frederick W. Backemeyer

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U. S. A.
SYNOD OF MISSOURI

REV. RALPH A. WAGGONER, D. D., EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
1122 WEST 7TH STREET
TELEPHONE 2075

SEDALIA, MISSOURI

Nov. 29, 1943.

Dear Doctor Speer:-

These Fall days remind me of a year ago when you were our partner in the Faith and Life Conferences in Missouri. I hope you have been having good health and are no worse the wear for a strenuous Fall campaign.

I've just given away five of your little books "Five Minutes a Day" and I wish you to know how very much the men have appreciated them. You have given great help to many of us.

Under separate cover I am mailing you a small box of black walnut meats. I thought you might enjoy a little souvenir from Missouri where you have many friends.

With very best wishes to you and Mrs. Speer, I am

Sincerely,

Ralph Waggoner

SS
Synod of Pennsylvania
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

GLENN M. SHAFER, STATED CLERK

243 South Hanover Street

Carlisle, Pa.

Jan 6-9

November 30, 1943.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

The Program Committee of our Synod at its meeting last week reported the enthusiastic response to the messages which you brought to our Synod last June. They asked me to tell you how much good your messages did for all of us. Further they unanimously voted to ask you to speak at the devotional hour at our 1944 Synod meeting. The Synod will meet again at Wilson College and we would like to have you speak for us from Tuesday, June 6, to Friday, June 9, inclusive. For myself and for the Synod I sincerely hope that you will be able to accede to our request.

As I am writing you, may I tell you personally how much I am appreciating the little book, "Five Minutes A Day". I have often wished that we might have a collection of the poems which you use so frequently and effectively in your books and sermons. Thanking you for making this collection available. With best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Glenn M. Shafer
Glenn M. Shafer

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Altadena Community Church
787 East Foothill Boulevard
Altadena, California

M. K. W. HEICHER, PH. D., MINISTER

SYCAMORE 7-3221

December 4, 1948.

My dear Dr. Speer:-
I have just used your prayer,
found on page 35 of Five Minutes a Day,
and I am moved to write my thanks for
all that your life and work and writings
have meant to me. Since the year 1905
when I first heard you at Silver Bay
you have seen the channel of much
divine grace to me. Again you serve
me through this prayer and through
all that you have assembled in the
form of devotion which is before me.

May you and Mrs. Speer have a
joyous Christmas-tide and a New Year
full of blessings.

Sincerely yours,

Merlo H. H. Heicher

HEADQUARTERS TWENTY THIRD INFANTRY
Office of the Chaplain

A.P.O. # 2,
U. S. Army,
9 Dec. 1943.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, 7, Pa.
U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I have today been favored with a copy of your book
" Five Minutes a Day". Since my college days in 1927-1929 I
have been inspired in every contact I've had with you. This
book will bring you constantly in close fellowship.

Sincerely yours,

Ray Johnson
RAYMOND O. JOHNSON,
Chaplain, 23d Inf.

1st Lt.
169. Co. 3d Br. 23d Inf. GPO #2

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OFFICE OF THE BASE CHAPLAIN
BERGSTROM ARMY AIR FIELD
AUSTIN, TEXAS

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13 December 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer, D. D.
Office of the General Assembly
Presbyterian Church U. S. A.
514 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Penna.

Dear Dr. Speer:

The Presbyterian Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains has sent to me, as to all other chaplains, a copy of your book "Five Minutes A Day".

I have found, and shall find, this book a real inspiration and a rich harvest of religious literature. Because I had once the pleasure of meeting you personally I shall feel greater appreciation for being able to read what you have found to be of such great help.

I know how very busy you are, so do not feel this letter needs a personal reply.

Sincerely yours,

Edward A. Wicher, Jr.
EDWARD A. WICHER, JR.
Base Chaplain, 1st Lt.

Christmas—1943

On Christmas night, when freedom's light
First flickered in the sky,
The Star of Bethlehem foretold
Of man's redemption nigh.

And on this Christmas, forty-three,
There floats against that sky
"Old Glory"—flag of liberty
To mankind, far and nigh.

The melting-pot of human kind,
It heralds to the world
That in such racial brotherhood
God's kingdom shall unfurl.

And so its stars and stripes shall be
A symbol on the earth
For all oppressed and captive souls
Of liberty's new birth.

And may, O Babe of Bethlehem,
Our Christmas carol be
Not "God Bless America,"
But America bless Thee!

For if Thou, Lord, shalt make us free,
We shall be free indeed;
To share this freedom as Thy gift
Is all we mortals need.

Mehille B. Gurley

ST. JOHN'S RECTORY,
CYNWYD, PA.

John Reddy
Cynegod

12-14-43.

Dear Mr. Speer,

Am enjoying the daily reading of your "Five minutes a Day" before breakfast as I dine alone in this large Rectory. I shall never forget, nor cease to be grateful to you, for the inspiration you have been to me since my school days at Andover. I frequently speak of you to my vestryman, your loyal life-long friend, Mr. Thomas F. Fisher of Merion.

affectionately yours, "Tom"



Dear Sirs,

Oct. 24 '46

Please find enclosed \$1.00 for a copy of "Five minutes a day." I hope this is the proper address; there was no very definite address in the copy I have here. If not, you will do doubt forward it to the correct address. I think it is a wonderful book, Sincerely,

Mary H. Simpson, College Corner,
Ohio, R. R. 1.

ack. 2/28

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CARD



CORRESPONDENCE

ADDRESS

Dear Mrs. Speer: you do a
masterly job each year
in your appeal.

We read your husband's
"Five Minutes a Day" every
night, and love it!
Ed. W. & Winifred Rhoades

ROBERT W. ANTHONY
316 EAST 68TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

December 15 1943

Dear Mr. Speer,

Laura and I are most grateful to you for inscribing the copies of "Five Minutes A Day". They will be more highly treasured because of your kindness.

In a letter received this morning from the Rev. Carl Victor Brown of the First Presbyterian Church of Burlington Iowa to whom the purchase of your book was suggested he writes "I am liking very much Mr. Speer's new book."

Laura joins in friendly greetings to you both.

Sincerely yours,

Robert W. Anthony.

Mr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Conn.

GEORGE H. MILNE
BELGO ROAD
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

December 17, 1943

Dear Doctor Speer:

It has always been a wonder to me since I first came to know you how you find time to travel as much as you do, to work up the subject of your lectures, mingle with your friends, to have what looks to the outsider often as leisure here in Lakeville, and on top of all this to write and publish books of outstanding interest and usefulness.

When I saw your writing on the wrapping of the little book "Five Minutes a Day with the Bible, the Poets, and the Saints" I could not resist the temptation to open it and get a glimpse of the contents. It is a very lovely piece of work and will be exceedingly helpful to me as all that you have selected stems back into a subject that interests me profoundly. It was good of you to inscribe it for me and I appreciate more than I can easily tell you the friendly spirit that prompted you to think of me in this way.

I am glad that Mrs. Barbour got safely over to the other side and is now among her friends there. My call at your house in order to say good-bye just before she sailed unhappily was too late, but perhaps you will remember me warmly to her and her husband sometime when you are writing. I'll never forget how jaunty he looked with his cap over his ear the last time I saw him on the train going down to New York with Mrs. Barbour. That was some little time before he finally left this country.

I shall be thinking of you all Christmas Day, which I expect to spend with my little family at Ardsley, and wishing you and Mrs. Speer and Billy well.

Sincerely your friend,

George H. Milne

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640 SENECA PARKWAY
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

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December 17, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer
c/o 156 5th Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Speer:

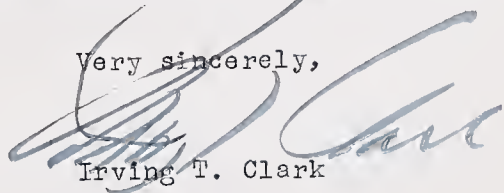
I have just received and have begun reading your book FIVE MINUTES A DAY, and I want you to know how much I appreciate it.

Your selections of scripture and other quotations are most unusual and very helpful.

You have been an inspiration to me since I was a medical student at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1902, and I know you have also been an inspiration to many others.

Please accept my wishes for a Happy Christmas Season and many more years of faithful service.

Very sincerely,



Irving T. Clark

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1235 Park Ave., New York
Dec. 18, 1943

Dear Robert:

Thank you heartily for the copy of "Five Minutes a Day." It is an admirably conceived and arranged devotional book, and I am already using it with interest and spiritual profit. The message of Christmas means more than ever to me as I watch beside my dear wife, and a book like this helps to make that message clear. May you and your loved ones have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ever affectionately,
Arthur

EIGHT LARCHMONT AVENUE
LARCHMONT, NEW YORK

Dec. 20, 1940

Dear Robert:

I value highly the last little book
from your pen which you were so good
as to send me. I am glad that you prepared
it and were persuaded to launch it
on its journey of instruction and comfort.
It is a miniature treasury of Christian
verse. I am impressed with how hope abounds
in it, — a virtue we are bidden to "abound
in, and rejoice to on labor years when
the great hereafter looms before us
with its living mystery. Thank you so
much for this lovely gift, and may the
days of Christmas be yours!

Ever your affectionate and devoted
John H. S.

11 HAMILTON ROAD
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK

40 Grand View Terrace

Tenafly, N.J.

Dec. 27, 1943

My dear Uncle Bob:

You give me so many
Christmas presents — I'm especially
glad to have your own fine
daily readings which are so well
selected no wonder the book is
selling well. Also you've wrapped
it so we can select ~~any~~ what
suitable for his needs. Some of
the poems are unusually good and
by authors unknown to me.

Joe has a great deal of pleasure,
too, in reading Mr. Edgett's
autobiography for your book. The
Boston Transcript has always interested
me and I had read reviews of Mr.
Edgett's book with interest. Now the
Transcript and the Old Evening Post,
which I so enjoyed in my
childhood are both gone. I feel a
great pang of the better ways & things
have disappeared. Members of the labor
unions may make \$16 a day but
they care nothing for the Evening
Post.

I just pray we do everything

156 HIGHWOOD AVENUE
TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY

11 Hamilton Road
Tenafly, N.J.

possible to Rep. Roosevelt from entering
the White House for a fourth term.
This administration has absolutely no
idea of thrift.

The book you gave me on
Borneo, I think, I do not have
a chance to read yet, but I
look forward to it with interest.

Thank you very much, also, for
the generous cheque.

We like this party house
very much and hope to stay here

for many years. He with you and
Aunt Susan and Marrie would visit
us. He has a spare room and two
bathrooms, also a good deal of
ground for a garden.

We enjoyed Christmas dinner with
Mother. She so misses the young
Clergyman who is a chaplain now
in the flying corps. He was very
kind to Mother very popular with
every body. Mr. Hancock let him live
in an apartment over his garage.
How wonderful to have Marrie home
at last!

Happy New Year, dear Uncle Rob,
With love,
Peggy

Oxford Pa Dec. 27/43

My dear Mr Spear -

Many thanks for "Five Minutes a Day" -
What a fund of helpfulness can be
found within its covers, and I think
I shall enjoy using it.

Everyone I show it to, wants a copy
for himself. With many pleasant memories
of past visits wish you and yours, and
again thanking you for remembering me.

Most sincerely
Lottie W. Sunday

Dec. 27,

817 Fifth Avenue

Dearest Pop -
I got your
book with its sweet
message and thank
you very much for
sending it.
It takes all night

at Cadwell. - - for your
merry youngsters - and
that no one was too
generous with the "grippy"
bug. Ned is feeling
a little better this morn-
ing - we hope he will
soon be himself again.

Always most lovingly
Lucy.

Dear Rob:

Curiosity got the better of me when a little package arrived from you this morning. I simply had to open it altho I put your book for Powers carefully away until Christmas. I am so touched that you should have sent me Five

Minutes a Day. I have known of the little book thru our church book table and am more than glad to have this copy of my own auto-graphed by you. Thank you very very much. What an especially happy Christmas for your family.

and for us, even though some
of your loved ones are far away.
We shall be thinking of you
and sending our loving wishes
a cross that miles;
With very much love to
you all and deep appreciation
as ever affectionately
Beth

Dec. 20
1943

ONE LEXINGTON AVENUE

My dear Dr. Speer,

It was a surprise and pleasure to receive your little book of selections to help one in the busy, confused lives we must live today. I very much appreciate the book and

your thought in sending it
and it will be a constant
reminder of your pleasant
little calls. Come again!

Will is preaching at the
Sunday Evening Club in Chicago
tonight, but I know he would
be wanting to be remembered
to you.

Please tell Mrs. Speer the
last of her lovely flowers
went today. They have been
a real treat!

Most cordially,

Clara Schuer Merrill-

December 19th -
" "

1895 Grand Concourse
New York 53

My dear Dr. Speer:

It was a real pleasure to find in the package that you sent me at Christmas-time a copy of your own book "Five Minutes a Day."

Thank you so much for the gift. I am delighted to have it, and shall enjoy it, I know, for many days to come.

I am among others who rejoice with you and Mrs. Speer that

your daughter reached home safely after the long, hard journey. I hope that it will not be long before she will be fully recovered from the effects of the hard experiences of the war days and the trip home.

May there be many happy days for you and your family during the New-Year.

Again thanking you,
I am, with appreciation,
Most sincerely yours
Susie L. Pinder

Dec. 28, 1943

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115 Hudson Ave.,
Red Bank, N.J.
Dec. 29th, 1943.

Dear Dr. Speer,

It was indeed good of you to send me your little devotional book, inscribed with Christmas greetings in your own hand-writing. You may be sure that it "warmed the cockles of my heart" to receive this book, which I shall always cherish.

I trust that your daughter has fully recovered from her strenuous war-time experiences. Her repatriation doubtless made Christmas festivities for you and Mrs. Speer doubly satisfying.

God was good to us, also,
in sparing our little ninety-one
year old mother to celebrate
Christmas with us.

Thanking you ever so much,
Dr. Speer, for your kindness in
sending me the inspiring little
book and wishing you and yours
a very Happy New Year, I am

Ever your sincere friend,
Mary Lovette.

December 30th - '43.

NEXT DAY HILL

Englewood -

Dear Rob, -

Thank you very much
for sending me your
little book of devotions.
It will be a guide and
a help I know. I was
brought up on "Daily
Strength for Daily Needs"
and my mother's blessed
copy is falling to pieces.
I see that in your preface

You disclaim rivalry
with this old book but
I am sure that the
same strength is in it.

I am happy to think
of Marnie with you
and Emma - and
I trust that she is
gaining strength all
the time.

With all good wishes
for A Better New Year
- better everywhere -

Affectionately Yours,
Elizabeth C. Tharrow.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
CONGREGATIONAL
SALISBURY, CONNECTICUT

THEODORE STANLEY DARRAH, MINISTER

January 4, 1944.

My dear Dr. Spurr:

It was so kind of you to send me an autographed copy of your book. I look forward to reading it further while I am on my holiday.

With all my thanks -

Yours,

Theodore S. Darrah.

My dear Rev. Spear:-

I want to join
Erwin in thanking you for your
autographed book, "Five Minutes
a Day". I am sure it will
be a great help and inspiration
to us.

We sent quite a few of them
for Christmas, hoping they
would be a help to the four
preachers in the family and
several doing religious work.

I had expressed a desire to
have one autographed some
day but never thought of you
sending us one, and shall

prize it all the more for
your kind thought
Kind regards to you and
Mrs. Spear.

Sincerely

Jan 9th 1944. Carrie H. Bailey.

Dear Doctor Speer: -

No Christmas present we received was more appreciated than your autographed book.

We think often of the week end you spent with us and the two good sermons you gave us.

Mrs Bailey spent the past several weeks with the children and grand children in Brookline, Mass. I went down four weekends and came to Easton for this week end, hence the delay in receiving all of our Christmas packages and mail. Our son-in-law, in the Navy was able to spend Christmas and New Years at home. Also a nephew who had spent about a year in Iceland was there for

Christmas day.

We enjoyed the books by
C S Lewis which you recommended.

It was very kind of you to
invite us to drive up to see you
some time. When gas and time
are again available we will
be delighted to do so. We used to
drive to Boston frequently.

Trusting you and
Mrs Speer keeps well this
winter I am

Most sincerely

E G Bailey

Jan 9, 1944

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January 10, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Your most appropriate message for this year's
Men and Missions Sunday Manual should be echoed
from every pulpit on November 19. Will you
kindly correct any errors which may have been
made by the typist?

I was sorry that we could not have a few words
from you preceding your prayer on Friday morning.

Mrs. Michel and I are being profited greatly by
those "Five Minutes a Day" under your leadership.
Thank you for permitting their publication.

Cordially yours,



F. J. Michel,
Secretary

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January 17, 1944.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Robert:

It was very nice in you sending me your new book "Five Minutes A Day", which I received about ten days ago. I am greatly enjoying it, and when I read it I shall always think of you and Emma. I also greatly appreciated your fine letter.

I think you and Emma both well know how much I miss Edith, as we were together nearly fifty years, each day of which was filled with love and happiness. Her life had been a very beautiful and full one, serving her Master each day in a very beautiful way, and making a home for me and our children and grandchildren that was bright and happy and lovely in every way. I am very grateful that Eleanor and her three children can be with me, and we each try to keep busy thinking about the other fellow.

With much love to you both and with every good wish for a very happy 1944, I am

Your old friend,

Scott

JSP:g

103 DOUGLAS PLACE
MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK

January 17, 1944

My dear Dr. Speer:-

I do appreciate your thought of me at the Christmastime and I am very happy to have your book "Five Minutes a Day." I know I will find it most helpful as I read it from day to day.

The Speer family is often in my thought and prayer and I am always grateful for my days at 156 and my work with you.

103 DOUGLAS PLACE

MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK

I am hoping to have
a visit with Miss Connell
this week. I understand
she is not so well
this winter

Miss Margaret Carter
is comparatively near
me and we see each
other often -

With all good wishes
to Mrs. Spear and yourself
Cordially

Susan C. Bidwell

41 West 73d Street
New York 23 N.Y.
Jan. 18, 1944.

Dear Mr. Speer:

Please accept my most appreciative thanks for the little treasure house of inspiration and helpfulness you so kindly sent me. It is and will continue to be one of my most valued possessions.

The tardiness of this word is due to the fact that I was sick - shame on me! Just plain tired out, so internal apparatus said: "If you won't stop, we'll stop you." So I. G. "quit on the job" and I had to stop for a bit. But we have reestablished a working agreement and maybe I. G. will forget that I am very near sixty-five (never had that difficulty before) as I do, and I can resume my normal gait.

"Grow old along with me" is fine philosophically, but practically it's a nuisance. All the days ahead will be the better for Five Minutes A Day, and I do thank you.

With deepest appreciation and kindest regards to Mrs. Speer and yourself, sincerely,
Mora M. Barnes

My dear Rob:

What a surprise you gave us!
and what a treasure is now in my possession!
I do thank you for including us as a recipient
of "Five Minutes A Day" and also for the
inscription, which warms my heart.
I am taking the little book with me to
Washington, where I am attending the
World's Committee of the Y. W. C. A. in fact
I know I would like to take it with me
on all my journeys wherever they may
be. With many thanks and love to Emma
and wishing I saw you both often.
With love to you both

January 19th 1944

Affectionately
Mary M. G. French

242 HIGHLAND STREET
MILTON MASSACHUSETTS

January 20, 1944

Dear Robert,

I have just been
looking through the pages
of "Five Minutes a Day",
which you so kindly
sent me with an
inscription which I
deeply appreciate. This
little book, so remarkable
in the range and

effectiveness of its
selections, will be most
helpful and useful to
me, and I shall keep
it close at hand and
think of you as I
read it.

Agnes and I are
both well and active.
They are letting me go
on at the Academy for
a while longer, though
I shall not continue

passed another year.

We are so glad to hear that Margaret is home again, and we trust that you and Emma are well.

We send our love to each of you and hope that we may see you another again before very long.

Ever yours,

William Stackpole

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CLELAND B. MCAFEE
173 MACON AVENUE
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

January 22, 1944.

My dear Robert:--

The Indianapolis Five Minutes a Day is here and is much appreciated. We have already had five copies sent us for use among friends. Mildred has always liked a daily book which gives the Scripture instead of mere references because ~~in~~ travel it is not easy to keep a Bible at hand for the snatched moments, so she likes this new book very much. Friends here are intrigued by the poetry, fitting the Scripture so nicely. The young minister here (Southern) has greeted the book with enthusiasm, because it opens so many new doors to him. As for ourselves, we have added it to our morning worship and feel enriched by it. You have done a fine thing for many people. I suspect it may take its place alongside your Principles of Jesus. The format is good, though the print had to be rather small for some of the older eyes which might use it. We have one old lady in the house here who wishes it were as large as her large print Testament on which she rests. But larger print would have meant a larger book to handle and larger pockets to carry it--and so on ad infinitum.

I am in a Southern hot-bed here, not fed by fires from this local Church or minister but by those lighted and fanned by men near here. The word that floats around is that the election of Henry Coffin has been used against union with much effect. Earl McIntire has made the most of it with extracts from Henry's writings fitted to his argument and the little paper published near here in opposition has lighted on those quotations with glee. Even the favorable men here fear that the union idea is hindered. All the same, I would rather have Henry in the Chair as fair notice that we are at the end of our disputing and are setting out to get our main business done.

I wonder if you have seen Raven's Science, Religion and the Future. It is a small book (Macmillan) but it covers ground which I have had to survey a good deal in these lectures in various places and has much good material. He set out to be a scientific man and has always been ready for any scientific results, but he is not easily fooled by supposed conclusions. I find more concern among parents over the High School and College science than I supposed there was. Indeed, I felt it to be rather out of date, but it is not so. Every reference to Christian concern for the use of science brings me parents and teachers with questions or approval. I have been asked for the MS of the paragraphs on this subject oftener than any other. It does not exist so that I do not furnish it, but this little book will be a help to some of the inquirers.

Along with it, I have found good in another tiny book by Dr. Wood, the theology man of Birmingham, Christianity and Civilization. It deals with Humanism and Marxism more directly. He tells that when Marx's mother, impecunious as always, heard that Karl had written a book on Kapital, she said she wished he would spend more time accumulating some ~~money~~ ^{instead of} writing a book about it.

I have found in II Chronicles 28:8-15 a rather surprising bit of humanity which may be needed when we come to deal with captured people after the fighting is over. It is a kind of forerunner of UNRRA. Getting people back again where they belong and paying the price for it ourselves will overstrain the spirit of many people. That it has been done is worth knowing.

We think gladly of Margaret's being with you and look forward with her to the time when she can get back where she wants to be.

Always affectionately,



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143 Tenefly Road.

Englewood N. J.

Feb. 15, 1944.

My dear Mr. Spear -

I am obeying the impulse to tell you what a great joy your little book "Five Minutes a Day" is to me. I like a little uplift in the morning before I start for school - and had been using "Abundant Living" by E. Stanley Jones - and

wondering what to get
next - when I discovered
your book on our church
booktable. I've always
loved the poem which closed
your "What Christ means to
me" — and am glad to know
the writer's name - How I
would like to talk to you
about that chapter - it
is not a subject we hear
much about over here -

Inerts for assembling ^{so}
many lovely poems with

Scripture and prayers—

I have thought often of the happy times you are having with Marnie home! Please remember me to her— and tell her I hope to see her sometime.

My father, at eighty-three is supplying two suburban churches near Utica— and enjoying the sense of being useful.

Mr. White is retiring this
June - so I shall find my-
self having to get adjusted
to a new superintendant -
and later a new pastor.

Sincerely,
Florence B. Dodge

DENISON FISH
ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER
THE HOTCHKISS SCHOOL
LAKEVILLE, CONN.

Feb. 23rd, 1944

Dear Dr. Speer,

Yesterday I telephoned to your house and Mrs. Speer suggested that I drop you a line as you would not be back for a week. I wanted to ask if there were any hymns or anthem words which you would like used the Sunday you preach at Hotchkiss, to give the service more unity. If you keep this in mind, I will telephone to you next week when you get home.

In the meantime, I want to thank you for "Five Minutes a Day" which my sister gave me for Christmas, and which I find very inspiring.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, Ever sincerely yours.

Denison Fish.

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410 URBAN BUILDING, LOUISVILLE, KY. 2

February 24, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

I wished so heartily for you last week. Dr. John R. Mott was with us in a retreat for the Chaplains stationed in this area. The first address he made was as vigorous and forceful as any I ever heard him deliver. It reminded me of the days of old.

You two men certainly affected the lives of thousands of students throughout the world. I shall never cease to thank God that I was thrown with you in my student days and later.

I was happy to hear Dr. Mott in his address as he talked about a fuller exposure of our lives to Jesus Christ commend to everybody your book, "Five Minutes a Day." Ever since I got a copy of that I have been intending to write to thank you for its message. I was glad he gave it that hearty commendation.

I have missed you several times lately when I was exceedingly anxious to see you again. My heart overflows with gratitude for what you have meant to my life and for what you have done for my service.

Your sincere friend,

Henry H. Sweetser

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11 Riverside;
West Hartford, Conn.
March 2, 1944.

Doctor Robert Speer,
Care of the Westminster Press;
Philadelphia, Penn.

My Dear Doctor Speer:

While reading in my devotionals this morning from your excellent book "Five Minutes A Day" I came across Mr. John Oxenhams' poem "Only Through Me". It seemed perfect to include in an article which I hope to write on "The Spiritual Re Construction After the War". I wish to obtain his permission to include this.

I remember with pleasure the many sermons which you have preached, most especially and grateful for the influence you had on me long years ago when in my youth I heard you at the Silver Bay Conference. I regretted with hundreds the tragedy which came to you, yet it produced this book, I'm sure, with its consolidating messages for the broken hearted.
Thank you for this courtesy.

Most Sincerely Yours,

(This) Evelyn C. Crankle

His wife

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Upper Montclair, N. J.
April 5, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

You may have forgotten it, but some years ago, you recommended two books to me: "Ways of Praying" by Muriel Lester, and "I Follow the Road" by Mrs. Payson. These have proved to be very helpful, indeed, and I'm greatly indebted to you, not only for this suggestion, but for the many stimulating and heart-moving influences, which you have exerted in my own life.

I am now finding a deep interest and spiritual stimulation from your latest book of devotion, "Five Minutes A Day".

With best wishes for you at this Easter Season, believe me,

Gratefully yours,
Arthur Y. Meeker

AYM:JPA

Mrs. Meeker has just spoken of an address which you made at Suburbany in 1913, "Other sheep, I have which are not of this fold".
Arthur Meeker

A. Archibald Bullock

1524 Paloma Street

Pasadena 7, California

4-9-44

Dear Mr Speer: "Using your Five Minutes a Day with the Bible, poets and Saints," reminds me of my unanswered letter to you. I was started weeks ago but did begin a new one. We do really treasure your delightful selections in "Five Minutes". The poets all talk to me most intimately.

Thank you for your trouble in sending my "Outline" to Mr Jailer who I had thought about, but thought I could not reach him. He referred the letter and ^{Outline} ~~note~~ to Mr Kunkel of T.C. who thinks there is enough material in this general field of Modern Far Eastern Education already published. His book in a still wider field did not do very well.

Stanford University Press sent for it and its mss. is now in their hands. In any event we are gratified for your interest. Very cordially yours
A. Archibald Bullock

R.D. 1, Easton, Penna
April 18, 1944

My dear Dr. Fees:

My brother tells me that you were well acquainted with father, George Cornwell. A few months ago my wife and son and I were privileged to hear you speak at the College Hill Presbyterian Church. It was an inspiration for us. We have a copy of "Five Minutes a Day" and enjoy that, too.

Our boy, David George, is sixteen. He is a husky six foot, weighs one hundred eighty five pounds. He is a junior in High School and passed a test to operate an automobile recently.

My wife suggests that you should not burden yourself by replying. We enjoyed ^{your} discourse and would like you to know it. I am, very truly yours
John Nevins Cornwell

Central Woodward Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

WOODWARD AT JOSEPHINE - DETROIT 2, MICHIGAN

EDGAR DEWITT JONES, D. D.
MINISTER

J. CLYDE WHEELER, B. D.
ASSOCIATE MINISTER

April 18, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rock Ledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

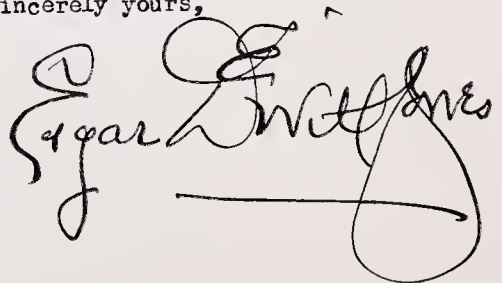
My dear Dr. Speer:

I am tardy in thanking you for your beautiful devotional book, earmarked by your own gracious and prayerful spirit. Also I thank you for the inscription, and I want you to know again that I think of you as one of the elect — God's gentleman in truth.

I have followed you through the years with profit to my Eternal good. I heard you for the first time in Cincinnati in 1901 at the Christian Endeavor Convention. I have heard you many times, and always you touched the deeps of my soul.

May Heaven's blessing rest upon you and those you love and those who love you is the prayer of your friend and fellow servant of our Lord.

Most sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Edgar DeWitt Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Walter Ivan Smalley
4535 Klinge Street, NW
Washington - 16 - D. C.

April 19th, 1944

Dear Dr Speer:

When I was a young man, I had the good fortune to come upon your little book, "A Christian's Habits." That was in 1915. The book meant a great deal to me, and I plan to bring it to the attention of my son at an appropriate time in his life.

Last Fall I saw an advertisement of "Five Minutes a Day", and I was immediately interested because of the association of your name with it. I purchased a copy and have been using it since the first of the year.

The contents of "Five Minutes a Day" are such as to minister effectively to the needs of the spirit. There is one suggestion, however, that I would like to offer: the pleasure in using the book could be greatly enhanced by improving the typography. That exceedingly small type used for many of the poems quoted is deplorable, and even the rest of the type is too small.

It seems to me that printers have gone to an unnecessary extreme in making pocket-sized books. If "Five Minutes a Day" is intended primarily for the armed forces, perhaps the small size is justified, but I wish your publisher would honor you by producing the book in a better format -- even if the price of it must be raised considerably.

Yours very sincerely,

Walter Ivan Smalley

Dr Robert Elliott Speer,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

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April 22nd, 1944

Dear Dr. Speer

I am feeding on your
"Five minutes a Day". I Rhat
the book light and open at
random expecting something
for the day and hour. It
is astonishing how it meets
my needs. I know you you
very well. You do not know

me at all. I was connect-
ed with Westminister Church
Wheat for years and more
or less in touch with the
New York Board when you
were active. I have an ex-
cellent picture of you cut
from the Methodist Advocate.
I am living much in the
past - having just had my
84th birthday
Gratefully Anna W. Glass.

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

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HARRIS E. KIRK, D.D.
502 CATHEDRAL STREET
BALTIMORE, MD

April 28th 1944.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

My Dear Dr. Speer:-

I have long wanted to write you to express my thanks for your very beautiful little book Five Minutes a Day. I use it each morning with increasing delight, and find it among the very best available.

I have long made a habit of selecting appropriate things for such a book as this, and in my recent letter to the men of our church in the armed forces, I printed what is known as a Shepherd's Lord's Day Prayer, from the German. I thought it might suit you sometime to make use of it, for it so beautifully expressed what I wished to say to the men that each Sunday they had their special place in the worship service.

I hope we may meet this summer at Princeton.

All blessings on you and your household.

Sincerely your friend,
Harris Kirk

WILLIAM HIRAM FOULKES

94 South Munn Avenue, East Orange, N. J.

Summer Address:

Stony Brook, Long Island, N. Y.

April 22, 1944

Dear Robert: Thank you for your gracious acknowledgment of my recent note. Your wedding day antedated ours by nearly five years.

In order to make explicit what was implicit I have changed the last line of the Sonnet I sent you, from "You live, you love, in everlasting life" to

read " You live with Christ, in everlasting life!"

I continue to be refreshed every day by "Live
monaster a day": I got a copy yesterday, to give
to a remarkable old man, a very devout Quaker
I know that he will rejoice in it. too

With loving, eternal affection

Yours in Christ!

or Robert E. Speer.

William

WILLIAM HIRAM FOULKES

94 South Munn Avenue, East Orange, N. J.

Summer Address:

Stony Brook, Long Island, N. Y.

April 18 - 1941

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Dear Robert:-

With so many others, I know, I
am getting help and comfort from your "Five
Minutes a Day." You, also to Faulkner and I met
together Spurgeon's "Cheque-Bond in the Bank of
Faith." The amazing spiritual versatility of the

⁷ your book
contents would overwhelm me but for the glimpses
I have had through the years, into your
life.

I shall Easter in Stuy, Brook, not "seeking
the living among the dead" but where God I
lived and loved together so many, many years!
With affectionate remembrance
in Robert G. Speer
William

'Tis but a door!

'Tis but a door, that swings, unbidden,
through

The thick'ning mists of our mortality;

The impotence of frail humanity

Prevents our feeble, but ill will ^{to view}

The other side; to find the 'authentic' clue;

To pierce the veil of death's deep mys-
tery;

And, face to face, behold reality;

Beyond the door, to show and hold dear you!

You see the other side, in glory, light;

Fears fled the shadows, radiant day

Has dawned for you; your valiant ^{mental} strife

Pacemed with victory; faith came with

Electral journey - and perfects you ^{light} again;

You live, you love, in everlasting life! W.A.D.

Easter 1911.

2-May-1944

My dear Doctor Speer:-

During these difficult days and weeks
of adjustment to an exceedingly responsible task
I have derived much help from your "Five
Minutes a Day." Many a morning you have
steadied and strengthened Mrs. Middle and me.
Our boys are both far away - one has been
wounded - and we miss so keenly the old
friends in Mifflin County.

With renewed thanks and very good wish
I am

yours faithfully

Henry Middle

Dr. Robert C. Speer.

Dear Bro. Speer:

"Five Minutes
a Day" is a wonderful little
book, the best of its kind I
have ever seen. The selec-
tion of poems and the in-
dex which makes them
"getatable" are especially
valuable. I am using
the book constantly and
also in some mission
classes which I teach.

I greatly appreciate the

book and the richness
of your spirit which
made it possible. My
thanks and my best
wishes to you and Mrs
Speer.

Affectionately
Bessie Furman

3729 Woodland, K.C. Mo., Dec. 30, 1943

Dear Dr. Speer:-

I've been reading your book every day since it came, and I'm persuaded it has not the right name. After $\frac{1}{2}$ hour I find it rather hard to lay it down. Will it be dear.

I'm sure you all are wise enough to have dear Miss Margaret be content to come to normalcy by easy stages.

Gratefully yours,
Louise.

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Boyd Edwards
The Old Rectory
Arlington, Vermont

26 May 1944

My dear Dr. Speer

Your selection of quotations has
always seemed to me to felicitous
and forceful as to constitute a
genius. And my admiration for
your spiritual emphasis has been
unbounded. Some 20 or much
since the days now nearly 50 years
ago when I heard you first on
Kathedral.

To find myself included in even
those inspiring volume of daily
readings - which I find now day before
yesterday was a signal honor to me.

I am glad I recognized the initials S.B.S.
in one of the papers.

Dr. Robert L. Speer

Boyd Edwards

Aug. 12th, 1944

LS

my dear Mr. Speer,

On page 209 of
your devotional book, "7 six
minutes a day", I came across
a poem by my father, G.
Ritchie Smith. I imagine
how thrilled and touched
I was! I knew the poem
but, as it had never been
published and was
written toward the end of

his life, I wondered how you
had come to have it. Then
I remembered Martha Bailey
Crighton had a copy and
supposed that she or
Elizabeth or George had
sent it to you.

I love the poem and
am so grateful to you
for including it in your
splendid little book, so
that it may have a chance
to reach many people.

Very sincerely yours,
Louise L. Smith

Answered

Ms. no. 2

Oct. '45

137 Carroll Avenue
Colonial Heights
Petersburg, Virginia
October 26, 1944

Dear Dr. Spurr,

You may not remember me but I have spoken to you a few times at Massanetta when I tried to tell you how much your book, "The Master of the Heart" has meant in my life and of your influence upon my decision years ago in my college days to go to the foreign field.

I have been at Massanetta almost every year since the first one, so I see you and hear your great messages almost every year. You may recall who I am because Mrs Hudson is a very close friend and you may remember seeing me with her.

I spoke of you last night in a talk I made at the Wednesday night service. I rarely make a talk that I do not quote you.

I have been using your devotional book "Five Minutes a Day" I keep it in my desk at school and read a bit from it before beginning the day's work. It helps.

I am writing to you because I thought you would like to know the authors of two of the poems in the book, both of which were written by Annie Johnson Flint. One of the greatest blessings of my life was her friendship.

"His Lamps" on page 332 must be among those whose authorship you say you do not know. "He Giveth More Grace" on page 335 was written by her and not by Myhill.

I am enclosing ^{another} one, - one of her best, I think - It is one among many that I designed and lettered for her before her death and before my serious eye condition developed, glaucoma in both eyes, also a thrombosis condition.

You probably know she was terribly crippled with arthritis, suffered awfully for forty years, she could not even lie down but was always radiant and sent out her messages to thousands throughout the world who needed comfort and strength. If you have not read the sketch of her life by the Evangelical Publishers of Toronto, Canada, you must read it.

Thanks for all you have meant to me down through the years. Yours truly
Ethel L. Brown

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

KOKOMO, INDIANA

HURD ALLYN DRAKE, D. D., PASTOR

December 2, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville
Conn.

Dear Doctor Speer:

I come seeking a favor. I have purchased for Mrs. Drake and for James copies of your "Five Minutes a Day" which I want to give them at Christmas. All of us cherish for you a deep affection, though I do not think I ever said so before. It will make the little volumes so much more meaningful in the way of personal helpfulness to them if you will write some personal word to Mrs. Drake in one and to Mrs. Drake in the other copy. I know this is a nuisance, and I am ashamed to ask it; but in my High School days I learned the sentence, "Fortuna audaces favet." Be sure the volume will remain prized possessions all through the years to come.

I hope this will find you and yours in good health. You have given yourself so unselfishly that it is cause for all of us to thank God that you have not had to say: "The zeal of Thine house hath eaten me up." May God bless you, and may the approaching Christmas give you great joy in the Prince of Peace!

In February, 1943, Mrs. Drake suffered a serious attack of coronary trouble, and there was no clinical indication of improvement until last August, when progress was registered. She is able to attend church most of the time and is about the house afternoons and evenings, so we are encouraged. I seem to stand up to things well, and am thankful.

James is head of the English Department of the High School at Avon Lake, Ohio, about twenty miles from Cleveland. He and his wife have two fine boys, David who is 7 and John who is 5. James and his wife are both graduates of the College of Wooster, and James has his M. A. in English Literature from Ohio State University. He is Superintendent of the Sunday School in the community church, and his wife teaches a class of High School youth. We are thankful for these activities.

Most cordially,

Hurd Allyn Drake

Black Mt., N.C.

Dec. 17, 1944.

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Dear Mr. Speer,

Last August is the first time we had failed to hear you at Montreat - Anne left us for Texas that afternoon. I longed, and so did she, for her husband and two children to have the privilege of hearing you that morning. It would have been a benediction, truly. They must hear you next year.

Anne married Dr. Thomas P. Harrison, Jr., professor in the English Department, University of Texas. He has two children - a boy of thirteen, and a girl of ten. His father is Dean Emeritus in the English Department, Holy College, Raleigh. His grandfather was a Presbyterian minister. Anne joined the Presbyterian Church, under Dr. Alexander J. Charlotte who, with Mr. W. D. Matherford performed the wedding ceremony.

My son, Sam, is with the Finance Detachment of the Eighth

Army base, England. Both of my children are "strong in the faith."

I am enclosing a check for three copies of your book of the poems you have used throughout your ministry. I've heard that you have published them. Will you please autograph them for my children and me. We have so many of your books - we value them deeply.

May God spare you for many more years in His service.

Yours truly,

In His name,

Anne Kendrick Sharp -
(Mrs. Lou Sharp)

JOHN R. TODD
420 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

TELEPHONE
MOHAWK 4-3044

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December 18, 1944

Dear Robert:

I never did like your nickname, Bobby, which '89 always used.

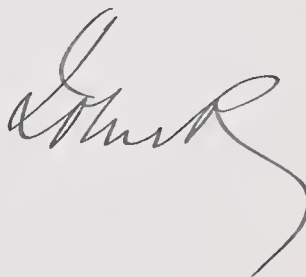
"FIVE MINUTES A DAY" impresses me anew with the great amount of writing many of you busy men find time to do.

We are off tomorrow for Florida. I am afraid you won't get south this winter but I hope you come on with the job you have in hand successfully and comfortably and happily.

Give my very best to Mrs. Speer.

Yours with much interest,

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John R. Todd", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

Dear Mrs. G.

Black Mt., N.C.
Jan. 3, 1945.

Dear Doctor Speer,

Once more I am going to impose upon your good nature.

One little friend who needs to have Christian teaching, will read any book that I have autographed! a queer freak in human nature. I sent her Dr. Rimmer's "The Magnificence of Jesus", and she is reading it as she values it!

So, I am going "to strike while the iron is hot" and send yours for her daily reading. I pray that it may be the means of drawing her to Christ.

I am enclosing a check for three, and for the postage. Please "autograph" them.

I can not begin to tell you how I appreciate your autograph in the others, and your note.

Don't try to write again. Ensurge all your strength for your work for Christ.

I have read many of your thought-provoking selections, but I am waiting for my children to receive theirs. When the K. writes that he'll begin on a certain date to read his, we (Aunt K. in Austria, & we here) will begin, so that, daily, we'll have the same "prayers" at the table.

Pray with me that my young Methodist pastor may receive a great blessing - the baptism of the Holy Spirit - from your messages.

He does not believe in the Deity of Jesus - He is a "divine man" - lifted up Himself "by His own foot-strings" so to speak. I gave him Rimmer's new book. He did promise to read it. Previously, I had given

have your books and others. It
would not take time to read them!
It adores Frederick!

Did I send you this poem found
on a filthy, blood-stained sheet
on Anzio Beach during the grimmest
part of the Battle? It is from "Dots
and Dashes," a paper sent out
regularly by the St. George Presbyterian
Church, N.Y., to its one hundred
fifty-four service men.

"A radio's thin fingers
Can pluck a melody
From night, and toss it over
A continent or sea;
Its songs, like crimson roses,
Are culled from thine blue air:
Why should mortals wonder
If God answers prayer?"

May this year to you most
blessed one, bringing you rich
rewards for your labors for Christ.

In His name

Anne K. Shays
(Mrs. Thomas S. Shays)

ELMER LINCOLN MATTOX
220½ W. 12th St.
Claremont, Calif.

January 3rd, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville
Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Lois and I want to thank you for your gracious note of congratulation on our marriage. We sure did appreciate your taking time from your many calls for service to write us and recall so many of our old associations through the years.

My memory goes back to your visit to Parsons College and to my room in 1887 or 1888, and also in McCormick Seminary in 1892, your two visits to China and my several visits in your home. To say nothing of all the years of friendship and fellowship that intervene.

You will be interested to know that one of the things that Lois and I have in common is that we each had a copy of your "FIVE MINUTES A DAY" and that each day since our wedding we have read together a page, and on this New Years Day p 275.

We are glad to note in a letter just received from Herrick Young and Elsa Logan that you are recuperating in your own home and pray that you may soon be restored to full health and vigor.

Luverne and family are well. Her eldest son just 19 is back from 14 months as a marine in the So. Pacific, intact and uninjured.

May God's richest blessing be with you and yours throughout the whole of the new year, is our united prayer.

Most sincerely yours,

E. L. Mattox

Hoping you will be completely recovered by now. Very Sincerely
Quine Johnson

29 June 21 -
June 4th 1945 -

Dear Dr. Spear, I am sorry to hear you
have been ill, I don't want to tire you
but am writing to thank you for your
little book. I gave away four copies of
it to my different families. Today I got a
thank you letter from my son John &
it seemed so true, (his comments I mean)
that I thought it might please you to
know them. He says -
"There is no writer on religious subjects I
enjoy more than Robert Spear. He seems
to have a way of making you feel his
sincerity, his message is always out in
front of him - not like some very good ones
who can't keep themselves from getting out in
front of their messages". This may be crudely
expressed, but I think it is a good point -

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Jan 4th 1945 -

Dear Dr. Spear I am sorry to hear you
Anne Morrison

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little book. I gave away four copies of
it to my different families. Today I prefer
thank you letter from my son John &
it seemed so true, (his comments I mean)
that I thought I might please you to
know them. He says -
"There is no writer on Religious subjects &
every more than Robert Spear. He seems
to have a way of making you feel his
sincerity. His message is always cast in
form of him - and like some very good men
who said - keep themselves from getting out in
front of their messages. This may be crudely
expressed, but I think it is a good point -

Hoping you will be completely recovered by now. Very Sincerely

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1711 N. H. Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
January 17, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

A few weeks ago I bought a copy of the little book you compiled, entitled "Five Minutes a Day." It is an exceptionally inspiring devotional book, and I am using it with much appreciation.

In view of your assurance in the preface that you welcome help in giving the proper credit for the poems quoted, I am noting the following items:

On page 85, three stanzas are quoted. I think the first two were written by Richard Watson Gilder, - at least the authorship is so indicated in the copy I have in my scrap-book. As the verses are printed in your book, it appears that George Macdonald is credited as the author of all three instead of as only the last one.

On page 230, you have indicated Dr. H. C. Trumbull as the author of the poem quoted. This was written by Mr. Philip E. Howard about his father-in-law, Dr. Trumbull. It is included in a small volume of poems published recently by Mr. Howard. (I gave away my copy, and am not able to give the exact wording of the title.)

On page 300 you quoted a poem credited to The Sunday School Times but without the author's name. This was written by Rose Trumbull - I clipped it from The Sunday School Times many years ago. (So far as I know, Rose Trumbull was not related to Mr. Charles G. Trumbull.)

On page 348 you quoted a poem beginning "The cry of men's anguish went up unto God." I have this in my scrap-book with Julia Larned indicated as the author.

I am sure there must be many who are finding this book most helpful, and who are as glad as I am that the Westminster Press persuaded you to have it published.

Yours faithfully,

Grace M. Breck



210 S. Woodward St.,
Tallahassee, Florida.
4th February 1945.

Dear Mr. Spurr,

I have been waiting
for wisdom enough to tell you with
what joy I received the copy of

"Five Minutes a Day."

The joy remains. The wisdom
has not yet arrived but I'll
tell the truth without more ado.

Dear "Marnie", like
Paul, praying that his bitter enemy
pass from him, and receiving the
answer: "My favour is enough for
you for it is only where there is
weakness that perfect strength is de-
veloped." (J. M.'s stanza.)

Love to you and Mrs.
Spurr and a thousand thanks for the
sanctuary from the roar of M. S. C.
which your blessed home in
your chair afforded me.

Adieu,

Sarah Barber White.

Monday, February 5—Read I. Corinthians 13

The Greatest Thing in the World

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

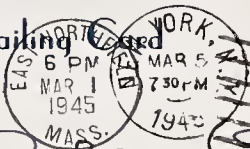
ROBERT E. SPEER'S missionary daughter, Margaret, was held for a year in a Japanese concentration camp. She tells about the hard work they all had to do just to keep alive. Among other things, she says, "It is hard to clean latrines, but it is even worse to have someone else clean them for you; to lie in bed and know that the person next to you is getting up to do it for you."

There are lovely strong people like Miss Speer who would rather do the work than have it done, but it simply is not true that it is harder for every one to have it done for them. Some are always trying to give (or leave) the dirty work of life to others.

And the judgment is not "Oh, the meanness of it!" but "Oh, the pity of it!" Verily they have their reward. There is a shrewdness, a worldly wiseness from which we all may pray to be delivered.

All labor gained new dignity
Since he who all creation made
Toiled with his hands for daily bread
Right manfully.

Private Mailing



MADISON SQUARE
STATION



~~Dr. Robert E. Spear~~
~~Presbyterian Board of~~
~~Foreign Missions~~
~~"Rockledge" 156 5th Ave~~
~~Lakeville New York City~~
 Conn.

Mrs. E. M. Powell
Green Pastures - East Northfield, Massachusetts

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Dear Dr. Speer,

I am enjoying your "Five Minutes A Day". I am compiling a small collection of fragments of prose and poetry re death and immortality (especially for families of servicemen). I have asked your publisher if I may have permission to quote from your book.

Cordially,

Bessie Moody Powell

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March 12, 1945

Dear Mr. Speer:

I am one of the countless thousands who for years have revered the name of Robert E. Speer, unknown to you. I am not given to fan letters but I cannot refrain from thanking you for giving that precious little book "Five Minutes a Day" to the Presbyterian household. I take the liberty of telling you what it means to me.

I find it most fascinating and compelling but not for "five minutes" at a time (I have other books of devotion for that period)

I like to browse and feast on it and with reluctance I put it down when old eyes get weary. I have found many old favorites among the poems and many

new ones most beautiful

The Scripture passages include the choicest of our "exceeding great and precious promises" and the inspired prayers are soul-satisfying. I often ^{wonder} if you note any of the unsigned poems.

I am constantly memorizing some one which appeals to me which supports and comforts me "thru the long watches of the night" and at many other times

I am nearing my eighty-third birthday, and my devoted "Comrade of my rights and days" has recently gone on before after nearly sixty years of life together. The poems of the life to come, of which there are many beautiful ones appeal to me strongly. I like Maltrios' "Babrochia" "Why be afraid of Death" and remember how he "tasted the Death-leaf life" so early in her most promising career.

In short, the work has been a
magical and delightful one to me.
Because your life work has been
with the Foreign Board I wish
to tell you that - I have been much
interested in missions all thru
our long life in the First Presby-
terian church of Urbana Illinois
and was recently honored by
the home society by being made
a life member of the National
Board.

May you be spared many more
years to continue your remark-
able services.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs. Johua) Clara L. Glover
Roscommon.

Rich
C/o Leonard Glover,

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11 Fern St.
Auburndale 66 - Mass.
March 25/45



My dear Mrs. Speer:

I am writing this letter for my husband - who had a stroke in India in April, 1942, followed by Aphasia. We came back to the States in July last - '44 since when my husband has been in the Neurological Inst. of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York - for some time - then in Northfield, Mass. - and now here where we can have the benefit of the speech-clinical work. He is studying hard and will some day be able to speak better. He suffers a great deal because there is pressure on the nerve-centre of the brain.

Shortly after our arrival from the Western India Mission, I found the little book by Dr. Speer - "Five Minutes a Day". He has literally lived with it every day since. He knows just where to find every poem or prayer in it. He has written the numbers of all of your contributions, his mother's favorite hymns, etc, etc. He tries to tell me who P. J. Baillie - pp. 65 + in relation to you. He has all the originals of Dr. Speer also classified. I've wished that Dr. Speer and you might know what this little book means - just to him! He has given away dozens of copies to people who in turn have given away their dozens. Our daughter, Lydia (Junior in Mt. Holyoke) wrote that she likes it especially because it has just groups, beautiful verses, poems & prayers on one page and, without detracting from them by drawing morals, leaves it to the reader to draw his own inspiration.

Horace wants Dr. Speer to know that he has been with him in spirit through his Hospital experiences and will be glad to know that he is quite recovered again. He reads everything he can get hold of that is Presbyterian and keeps up with all the old contacts possible. He cannot

say what he wants to but he can communicate with others and still goes on referring folk to just the right item in devotional book, Bible, Magazine or newspaper - as he always did.

We have heard recently that our invitation to return to the Western India Mission is now withdrawn. That is doubtless, as it should be - though it is a disappointment and removes the goal we had set before us; but what we really want is that God's Will be done and that He be somehow glorified through this experience He has allowed to come to us.

Horace wants you two to have a copy of the accompanying poem by Dr. R. H. H. Loken - our dearly beloved friend and physician. It is only one of his many.

We both thank you for all the inspiration your lives, your books and your spoken words have meant to us.

Sincerely yours,

Horace H. and Ella H. Wright.

6733 Emlen St. - Philadelphia, Pa.

4/10/45

Dr. Robt. E. Speer,
Waterville, Conn.

Dear Robert :-
For some time I have been using
"Five Minutes a Day", and yesterday came
on "The Inner Vision" p. 101. The literary ex-
tracts and prayers are fresh and thought
provoking as was true of ^{the} one yesterday.
I remembered Milton's Sonnet XIX
"On His Blindness" and turned to it,
but found your selection is quite dif-
ferent, and I read at some length to
get the setting.

Then there came to me an illus-
tration of Dr. Clay Turnbull. He said a
man stirred up a N. E. village on a
rainy evening stating that he had
lost some money. The men came out with
their lanterns and quite a search was
made before the money was found, and
when found it proved to be an old-
fashioned ^{large size} copper cent. Some of the searchers
protested having been brought out for so trivial
a matter, but the man who started the search
said "I didn't care for the money, but I wanted
to know where the damned thing was." This was
used as introduction to a lecture on Turnbull's

search for the site of Kadesh-Barnea. For
some curious reason I wanted to see this
Milton extract in its setting, or context.

I am wondering whether I ever sent
you a little book of "School Prayers"
which I brought out near the close of
the Friend College service. If not I
should now like to make amends.

What a multitude of toasts awaited
you when you retired! Some toasts seem
to await all who get out of the routine
of fixed duties.

With best wishes as ever,
Yours faithfully,
Cressman.

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1007 FEDERAL STREET

LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

Dear Dr. Speer.

A few days ago I came up to Roanoke, in my car (wonderful) for a visit to my cousin, who is just like a sister to me. On the bedside table in my room, she placed your little book "Five minutes a day." As soon as I began to read, I knew I must have it. When I told Dorothy, my cousin, that I could not wait, to get down town to get one, she

said, "I knew you would want it and am making you a present of it," and she would not have it any other way. So now I have among my treasures, a gift from a dear friend written by one of God's anointed. Thank you for sharing it, with His children who need that kind of help so badly.

I hope all is going well with you & Mrs. Spear. We miss you in Lynchburg.

With love to you both,

June 15-1945 Edith Winifred

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Santiago de Chile,

Casilla 2037,

June 23rd, 1945.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
c/of the Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Ave. New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Gratitude and a sense of duty impel me to acknowledge an indebtedness which crowns my already great obligation to you for the heartening messages enshrined in your "Five Minutes a Day" - my close companion for the past months.

Across the centuries, the Christian student has interpreted Scriptural truth which the poet has embellished and the mystic has sublimated into worship. Yours is a happy concordance of reverent approach to and practical application of the cardinal doctrines of our working faith but in the form of a "multum in parvo" so admirable that it concentrates memorable teaching into choice selections for each day yet invites re-reading and meditation.

In most of the quotations I find the higher level on which Roman Catholics and Evangelicals are in essential agreement and some of them I may translate for concluding appeals over the radio on Sunday mornings. This ministry I have found rewarding because it has opened the way for friendly communion with men and women who are searching for fellowship without futile controversy over dogma and polity.

I rejoice with your many friends and your family over your complete restoration to health and vigor and trust you may find your daily strength equal to your desire for prolonged service.

My gall-bladder operation brought complete relief and restored my physical well-being but I had to have another surgical intervention to correct a tiny hernia that formed where the drainage tube had been inserted. Three weeks have elapsed and I am feeling prime. The wound healed rapidly and cleanly and brought full relief.

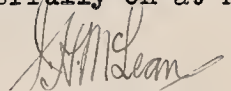
To a retired missionary, residence on the field brings continual joy for he can capitalize the results of continuous residence. I still hold my position on the University Faculty because the authorities and the student body have besought me to persevere at my post.

Despite a distressing schism in our Presbyterian ranks, our general enterprise has its hopeful phases and our morale is excellent. Dr. Stanley Jones was amazed at the progress of Protestantism since his first visit, 17 years ago.

We are celebrating the Trumbull Centennial this year and I have drawing on your chapter in "Studies in Missionary Leadership" for the preparation of a memorial pamphlet. His long ministry is full of inspiration for every worker in Chile.

My cordial wishes for your own enduement and blessing in all you undertake, with kindest greetings to Mrs. Speer. Miss Florence Smith is to have tea with us to-morrow. She keeps cheerfully on at her daily assignments in the Embassy.

Affectionately,



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July 6th - 1945 -

My dear Mr. Speer.

With much
appreciation, I thank you for your
prompt and courteous reply, to
my letter to you - Concerning Miss Madel S. Jones.
Mr. Brock has written me - from The Trust Company
that it will be some little time

before there will be any available income
for a new grant from the Spackman Fund, but
Miss Jones - will be considered carefully when
a new grant can be made -

Miss Jones - is now - in far better physical
condition - than any time - since her
return from China - in 1942 - She is alert,
and active, that I am hoping some
way will open for her to use her

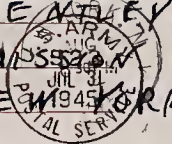
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great abilities and her real
knowledge of China and the Chinese,
in a way, that will bring her some
income - -

At Saeki - Miss Jones - gave me a
copy of "5 minutes a day" - which has
soon become my daily companion. - I find
it so inspiring and helpful, that
I have sent it -

To several friends. One an Englishman, who is
one of the 9 Regional Directors - under Peter Lytleton,
of all the British business Corporations. The Max Day
Mr. Louis. Mather - whose 2 Sons - have been in
active combat duties - in 4 or 5 years - He has
just written me - thanking me - most gratefully
for your wonderful book - I am so deeply impressed
with the breadth of your reading and your knowledge -
I am sorry that it has not been possible for me to thank you
im promptly in your courtesy - Very sincerely yours -
J. J. N. Henry
(Mrs. Baird Henry)

LIVINGSTON BENTLEY
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APO 523 NEW YORK



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DR ROBERT E. SPEER
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~~NEW YORK 10 N. Y.~~

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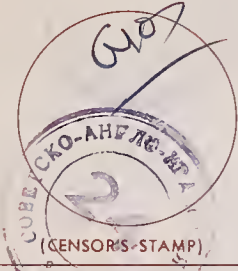
156 Fifth Ave.,

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New York, 10 N.Y.

July 12, 1945.

(Date)



Dear Dr. Speer,

Because I have been making daily use of your little book, "Five Minutes a Day," I want to thank you for it. I have used other daily devotional readings, but on the whole they seem to me to be aimed at young people. Probably they hit the mark. Your book seems to me to be aimed at mature Christians. I do not count myself such, but I do find that your book feeds my soul.

There is one thing in particular for which I would thank you. It is the poem, "There is a Peace the cometh after sorrow," which is on page 163 of your book. Had the writer of that poem also lost a son? I thought of you and your son. Not long ago I read with deepest feelings the memorial booklet, which included your address at Mt. Hermon, published after the death of your son. Then I thought of my son, "Of hope surrendered, not of hope fulfilled." I know that that poem speaks truly, but I haven't yet found that Peace. What I am thankful for is the fact that, through your little book, I have seen from afar the goal to which I must yet attain.

Sincerely your friend,

Livingston

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Rev. George Plummer Merrill
1019 17th Avenue South East
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

1 January 1946

The Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Speer: -

This morning the use of your book "Five Minutes a Day" has been begun for the third successive year.

It is in my heart to send a few words of appreciation.

The portion chosen for each page has contained selections of Scripture, poetry and prayer, has had unity and offered genuine uplift of spirit. More profit came the 2nd year & I am anticipating the experiences gleaned this year.

Besides the ministry to my own living, I have found seeds for sermons, material for use in Public Worship and helps to comfort bereaved.

I thank you.

Especially so. I appreciate introduction to Prayer Leaders, previously unknown - notably J. S. Hoyland.

Four selections I have committed to memory, frequently seeking their ministry thru the activities of the day and at wakeful moments at night. In my morning Quiet Hour I use all four. These selections are pg. 203 1st 2 lines from Gregory, the last line of Hoyland's prayer, pg. 112 1st 6 lines of Riley & lines 14, 15 + 16 - pg. 86 - the poem of Fleming.

Was their purpose in leaving off any page to be used Dec. 31?

You may be interested to know that my first contact with you was back in 80's, when you & Mr. Mott were visiting colleges and Academies representing the Student Volunteer Movement. My brother John E. and I heard you at the Minneapolis Academy. We did not become Volunteers. Until retirement he was a Missionary of the American Board in Turkey & Syria. I have been a Pastor in the homeland 45 yrs.

With the Season's best for you & yours and profound gratitude that you were led to share your "Five Minutes" with others, I remain

Fraternally,
George Plummer Merrill

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ROBERT W. ANTHONY, SR.
315 EAST 63RD STREET
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

January 4 1946.

Dear Mr. Speer,

Mr. Baxter Thomas of our
Presbyterian Book Store will be sending
you soon a copy of your "Five minutes
a day". Will you please inscribe it
and send it on to my friend the
Rev. Russell J. Cluechy D.D.,
Center Church Hartford Conn.
I spoke on Italy in his pulpit
last Sunday and learned by
a letter inquiring that he did not
have a copy of your book which
the Author treasures so highly.
He was ordained as a Presbyterian
minister and is proud of his
Presbyterian heritage. In reply to
my desire to send him a copy
he wrote: "I would so like to have
a copy of Mr. Speer's book. For
30 years he has been my ideal
Christian"

I am enclosing a copy of my report of the Italy trip.

In a letter received two or three days ago Moderator Soumanui wrote that our visit had been a great help. The Waldensians have come through these trying years stronger in faith and courage and with an even greater zeal to preach and live Christ in Italy. They are fearful of the restrictions that the Roman Church is trying hard now to renew and to increase.

You may be interested in what one of the pages in five minutes I lay led me to have printed and to distribute in quantities.

Laura sends her love with mine to Mrs. Speer and yourself. A blessed new year to you both.

Sincerely yours

Robert W. Anthony.

Mr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Conn.

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156 FIFTH AVENUE, N. Y

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January 21-46

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeside, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I received your beautiful book, "Five Minutes A Day" and want to thank you so much for it. We are greatly enjoying it and the prayers are so helpful and inspiring.

We shall treasure this little gift from you and trust that God will continue to bless you with good health that you may be able to write and witness to His Cause for many many years to come.

I am still preaching to the lumberjacks and visiting the rural and isolated districts. There were nine conversions in meetings last week among young people. In late Sept- I visited a little Sunday school for the first time. I told

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— how Christ healed ten lepers and only one returned ^{to give} thanks.
At the close I gave an invitation and four young high school
boys and one young woman came forward and confessed Christ.

Had a lovely letter from Dr. Stone during holidays and he
too keeps busy.

Our son Dick is out of the services now and how thankful we are
that his life was spared.

With continued good wishes to you and yours,

Always your true friend In Christ,

(Phillipians I-3)

Dick Ferrell

129 E. Vine St., Lancaster, Pa.
April 11, 1946.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
New York City, N.Y.
My dear Dr. Speer, -

May I send you a short letter to express to you my thanks and appreciation of the little book "Five Minutes a Day" ?

From January first, 1945 to the end of the year, I read in it every morning, and this year, although I have a new book "Gates of Beauty", very good, too, I am re-reading the helpful and lovely selections from The Bible, The Poets, The Saints.

It is pleasant to find in the Preface that the selections were gathered and arranged for your personal and private use, for it seems to admit one into your family circle. I like to think of it, as I read, - finding many that are my own favorites, "Dr. Speer likes this, too"; and finding many lovely new ones, - these strengthening verses, poems, and prayers become more inspiring because I can think of them as being read at your family altar. For many years at our family altar, my father read to us from "Daily Strength for Daily Needs." That was before my brother Paul and I went to live in Japan, where we spent so many years. My parents have gone on years ago into "the World of Light": my own copy of "Daily Strength" is with the many books I left behind in Japan when I came away in the spring of 1941. My two sisters and I in the old home still continue our evening reading together; the book usually in use being "The Upper Room". It is very good, too. But I like to begin each morning with "Five Minutes a Day."

In your long life of Missionary Service within the U.S.A. and often in the course of Missionary Journeys, you meet thousands of people: Paul and I have had the privilege of hearing you give addresses, and of brief personal contacts, but I can hardly expect you to remember me. It was in North Japan, in Sendai, that Paul spent 45 years working beside Dr. Schneder, and I was there for 36 years. Your books, memories of your addresses at Student Volunteer Conventions and other occasions, and the frequent tokens of your influence over many, many people have made you, I feel, one of those pillars of strength that hold steady the moral foundations of American life. Or, to change the figure, you are a channel carrying the living water that is life-giving and life-enriching to countless numbers of God's children. I am grateful for so much that God sent me through you.

Because I am sure that you are one with the missionaries who once lived in Japan in feeling distress about the vast destruction of innocent lives and of valuable property that had housed many Christian institutions, homes and churches, I am going to copy for you what a young

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EAB reads a very real "Thank you" for this book

American soldier wrote to me after spending a short time in Sendai, and making friends with some of the teachers of our two schools there:-

"It would grieve you to see the freezing and starving millions here in Japan, and the tears would come as you viewed great cities laid waste -(Sendai was one of these)- but on the other hand your heart would sing if you could see how well and bravely your old pupils and associates have carried on the great work which was begun in Sendai many years ago." It is reported that North Japan College has 1300 students and Miyagi Jo Gakko has 1500 students, eagerly pursuing their studies in unheated buildings, and handicapped by the loss of many of the school buildings, - just using what remains and making the best of it, with ardent hopes for better days to come.

I was thankful for your family when I heard that Miss Margaret had come safely home from Peking: and I read, and read again, the splendid account of her experiences, and of her understanding of what the Chinese have been going through, which was published in the Bryn Mawr Alumnae magazine.

With every good wish for you and yours,

sincerely,

Mary E. Gerhard.

129 F. Vine St., Lancaster, Pa.
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EPB sends a very best "Thank you" for this lovely letter.

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Dear [unclear]

Dear [unclear]

I am sorry to

hear that you are

going to the hospital

and hope you will

be back soon

and I will be glad

to see you

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Dear Doctor Robert E. Speer,

May 5, 1946.

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As I wish another copy of your book, "Five Minutes a Day." It is the very best book, of its kind, I have ever read.

The other book; you sent to me, personally.

I wonder why there is no. more adequate address, in the book?

Certainly there must be many who would send for it.

If it is reprinted, I hope it has one, in it.

I wish to give this copy to my sister-in-law.

I use mine, several times, during every-day. Sincerely,

Mary H. Simpson College Corner,
R.R. 1 Ohio.

THE PITCAIRN CRABBE FOUNDATION

5121 Westminster Place
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Hugh T. Kerr
Executive Secretary

May 17, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Robert:

I have your letter and also the letter from Winburn T. Thomas asking that the Student Volunteer Movement be presented to the Pitcairn Crabbe Foundation. I will do this at the next meeting, although I cannot hold out any too hopeful a promise because our fund is concentrating its efforts upon work in Pennsylvania, which is according to the charter.

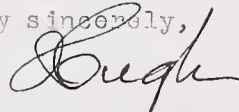
I am happy, however, that something would direct your mind towards me. You are often in my thoughts, and I follow through your "Five Minutes a Day" and remember when you were working on it on our trip to China. I hope you are keeping well and able to travel as usual.

I have been going hither and yon for the past eight months for the Restoration Fund, and it is much harder than doing the work of the regular pastorate. I am going to do some teaching in Western Seminary next year, and that will probably tie me down. I hope to get through with my tasks in a month and then have a long, idle spell in Canada.

I hope you and Mrs. Speer and the family are well and enjoying life as you have always done.

With all good wishes.

Very sincerely,



HUGH T. KERR

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209 N. Portland
Ventnor, N. J.

May 29, 1946

Dear Dr. Speer :

A sister of mine who is an invalid gets so much comfort and help from your book "Five Minutes a Day" that she wishes to give one to her daughter who is in real trouble. The daughter's husband was taken from her suddenly, leaving her with two small children to support. She has returned to her work as a teacher & finds the days too full.

My sister asked us

if we could secure your autograph
on the book. We hoped to see you
at General Assembly where it would
have been less trouble for you.

But I think you wish missed
doing it or then remailing the
book to us.

If you ever use the recipient's
name it is Elizabeth Soyster.

We will be grateful for this.

Surely it must be a cause of joy
to you that you can still be a
help to so many people thru
your books.

We missed you at the

Assembly & wished you had been able
to come.

Harry joins in best wishes to you
and Mrs. Speer.

Sincerely yours,

Lillian M. Schuller

(Mrs. H. C.)

June 8, 1946
R D 2 Easton, Pa.

Dear Dr. Speer,

Thank you very much for the autographed copy of "Five Minutes a Day," it has many things of inspiration and help. We have all been reading in it.

I trust you arrived at your lovely home without undue discomfort and inconvenience. The college allowed me a little extra for the damaged tint so every one was pleased.

The ride was most enjoyable because both Mrs. Spier and you are such excellent travelers and stood the trip so well.

Give my best regards to Mrs. Spier and I hope to have the pleasure of seeing and hearing you speak in the near future.

Yours,

Charles H. Cameron

JTS

Mr. G. S. ON WILSON STREET 4301 SPRUCE ST. PHILADELPHIA, PA. 4

July 15, 1946

Dear Dr. Spear -

I cannot tell you the number of times I have started to write and thank you for the help & inspiration received from your "Five Minutes a Day".

I liked it so much myself, I sent it to the children, then to my brothers & sisters and a few special friends. The last one went to Frances Rodgers (James' daughter) who chose to stay on ^{in P.I.} and help out when others came home. The book went in first package allowed - started about July 1945 - reached her in March 1946 - and she said she said she ~~would~~ sat down and went straight through it.

My first reaction was that of joy at finding so many favorite poems I had known down the years, which I remembered partially.

Then the unifying theme of Bible verses, poem + prayer is so heart satisfying.

It is almost uncanny how the theme hits a special need of mine - this morning I woke up after a hot night - more tired than when I went to bed - and wondered how I could face the day. Unconsciously I prayed "No matter how I feel, O God, help me this day to be like Christ in thought + word + deed". Then I opened your book to p. 205.

I think you have made me mistake but cannot prove it. on page 335 you give J. E. Mayhill as author of "He giveth more grace". I had 10 weeks at Clifton Springs in 1930, and met Annie Johnson Flint, the tiny little cripple with serene faith and indomitable courage. She would lie there in pain and think out poems that a high school girl wrote down for her each afternoon. I am quite sure this is one of hers. I got the card with it on with others of hers - and it sounds like the others.

With kind remembrance to Mrs. Spear and Miss Margaret, who probably would not remember me, cordially,
Anna Rodgers Wright (Mrs Geo Wm)

ROBERT W. ANTHONY, SR.
316 EAST 68TH STREET
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

September 13 1946

Dear Mr. Ziegler,

The traffic policeman who has been on duty at Fifth Avenue and 23rd Street ^{for many years} is an earnest Protestant Christian. He knows by name many of the men at 156 Fifth Avenue. Sometime ago he stopped me and asked about Mr. Robert S. Speer. He had not seen him for several months. Mr. Speer always made a point of speaking to him whenever possible and he said he had a deep love for him. I told him of "Five Minutes a Day" and asked if he knew about it. He said "No". "Would you let me give you a copy ^{to be} as a constant reminder of your friend Mr. Speer?" His face lighted, as he said "Yes".

The other morning on my way
to perform a short errand at
156 he was on duty. I asked
if he would be there when I returned.
Also I would bring him the
long promised copy of "Five
minutes a day". He said he would
As I left him to go on my way
he said "Did you know that I
read Today every morning".
He asked when I returned that
I subscribe the book for him which
was gladly done. His traffic
officer's name is Sydney Hutchison.

I have subscribed to Today
since its initial issues and am
glad to see its development
under your direction.

Sincerely yours,

Robert W. Anthony.

Dr. Rev. Earl F. Zigler, D. D.
Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7 Penna.

76-8
Second Presbyterian Church
OIL CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Arthur W. McCormick, Minister
113 REED STREET

March 5, 1947.

Dear Doctor Speer:

You have moved my heart deeply this morning by your prayers in FIVE MINUTES A DAY. And I feel that I must lay everything aside for a few minutes and drop you a line of thanks and appreciation. You have been a helpful influence in my life ever since that day in 1894 in which dear old Dr. Robinson of Western Seminary presented me with a copy of THE MAN CHRIST JESUS. It was a formative influence in my early ministry and ever since you have been one of my mentors. It was a wonderful privilege to be under the same roof for three years while I was at "156."

Tonight I am presenting FIVE MINUTES to my mid-week congregation and have chosen those pages which contain your own prayers for especial mention and use. I have secured a number of copies for sale. I hope I may be asked to order more of them. It is a wonderful little book. You may be interested in this: My janitor is a Portugese, unlettered, but a faithful sort of fellow who has cared for the Church during the 17 years I have been here. He picked up the book in the office and then bought a copy for himself and one for his son who has been ["]at sea["], mentally, ever since returning from two years' service with the army in India. What do you think caught the janitor's eye? The poetry. He said to me, "Those poems are the most beautiful I have ever seen."

How I wish I could have you in my pulpit once before I leave here! I ought to retire. I am the last one of my class in active service. Kerr retired a year ago. I was ordained fifty years ago and it is time

I should be quitting. I had planned to do so, but the last organization I fathered, a Mr. and Mrs. Club of young married people, conceived the idea of putting me "on the air." So for a year I have been broadcasting the entire morning service over our local station, widening my ministry over a radius of forty miles or more, and the expressions of gratitude that have come from Protestants and Catholics and Jews have constrained me to continue for a time. I should love to put you on the air some Sunday morning. Could it possibly be arranged?

Assuring you of my deep gratitude for all you have done for me and meant to me, and wishing for you many more years of ministry here before you go to that higher service in the Hereafter,

I am,

Gratefully yours,

Arnon Cornick

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Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor
be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God,
he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail
thee, nor forsake thee—Deuteronomy 31:6.

to Mrs J. J. Tracy
204 W. 83rd St
New York N. Y.
Dec. 11. 1947.

Dear Dr. Speer.

I have enjoyed so much the
daily reading of your book "Five Minutes
a Day" that I thought it would be nice
to share those beautiful portions, and thoughts
and prayers from the Scriptures, the Poets and
the Saints, which you have so wonderfully
linked together, with Miss Anna Schenck,
and so I forwarded a copy to her yesterday.

Miss Phoebe Potter has kept in touch
with her all these years, and has taken me
several times to see her, as she is still
extremely interested in all that is going on
in Iran, and likes to hear of all the missionaries
who come and go. Her last letter to me was in
August, and she wanted especially to know
about the family of Klerokopera with their
triplets, all girls, who left in November,
to be stationed in Tabrik. Mr. + Mrs. Hugo Muller
Sen. were travelling at the same time and all have
arrived safely, and I hope doing well.

Miss Potter has just reminded me that Miss Schenck's birthday will be on January, 18th - her 100th - and that we are to be much in prayer for her that she will live to celebrate it.

I understand Dr. Schuler is writing "An Appreciation" on behalf of the Board and there are still some of the old missionaries left who still remember Ler. Mr. Funk, the Jordans, and the Boyces - rather Mr. Boyce, and I knew she would appreciate and enjoy our dear friend's Dr. Speers-book.

You may probably know Miss Schenck's address. 131 Main St. Newton.

R.J. With kind regards, and hoping that Mr. Speer and yourself are quite well.

Yours v. sincerely,
Mary Gardner.



203 G. King St
Suffeysburg Pa

My dear Doctor Speer,

Thank you for your "Five Minutes a Day." It makes us feel that you are still with us. Not only have we read it together and separately, but last Sunday Ed took it to his Bible Class. It seems to have the right word of comfort or advice for all times.

This week we even tried to turn it into a commentary, and searched for your interpretation of Judas. We have been

discussing him at length and Ed's class evidently offered some interesting explanations of him.

Thank you again for the pleasure of your visit with us, and for remembering us so kindly. Ed joins me in sending you kindest wishes.

Most sincerely yours,
Marion D. Brewer

Thank you for your
gracious expression
of sympathy.

Mrs. Winfield H. Cleveland

I have found much
comfort in the pages
of your book of devotions.

Dear Dr. Spier -

I have just signed several
"Five Minutes a Day" after using it for
a year, & say "Thank You" and also
send my love & best wishes for
returned & returning health.

With deep affection -

Jesse

THERE IS RADIANCE AND GLORY IN THE DARKNESS, COULD WE BUT SEE. REMOVE THE COVERING AND YOU WILL FIND BENEATH IT A LIVING SPLENDOR, WOVEN OF LOVE, BY WISDOM, WITH POWER. WELCOME IT, GRASP IT, AND YOU TOUCH THE ANGEL'S HAND THAT BRINGS IT TO YOU. EVERYTHING WE CALL A TRIAL, A DUTY, OR A SORROW, THAT ANGEL'S HAND IS THERE, AND THE WONDER OF AN OVER-SHADOWING PRESENCE. JOYS, TOO, CONCEAL DIVINER GIFTS. LIFE IS FULL OF MEANING AND PURPOSE. EARTH CLOAKS HEAVEN. COURAGE THEN TO CLAIM IT! AND COURAGE YOU HAVE; AND THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE PILGRIMS TOGETHER, WENDING THROUGH UNKNOWN COUNTRY HOME. SO AT THIS SEASON WE GREET YOU AND WITH THE PRAYER THAT FOR YOU, NOW AND FOREVER, THE SHADOWS FLEE AWAY.

Fra. Giovanni. A. D. 1513

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Mrs. Ralph Cooper Hutchinson
238 East Wheeling Street
Washington, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Speer,
For so many months
now I have wanted
to write you to thank
you for your very
precious little book
"Five Minutes a Day". I
have given many copies
away - but have prized
my own copy almost
almost anything I have

ever possessed.

You say it is only a
compilation of the think-
ing and praying of
Others. But it inspires
in addition, because
your mind and soul
are so rich with the
highest thoughts of
Scripture and the
saints — and often
sinner — of the ages.
It is the greatest
inspiration to know

Mrs. Ralph Cooper Hutchinson
238 East Wheeling Street
Washington, Pennsylvania

that you have read
and lived and then
shared all of this
great heritage of yours.
The whole world will
ever be better and
more truly challenged
and helped because
of this ~~one~~ little book
of yours.
This, plus all else
you have written

and said and done
them the year - makes
a remarkable and
amazing contribution
to us and to posterity.

We are glad we
know you and the
richness you possess
out of which this
book was born.

I had to thank
you for myself per-
sonally and tell you
what you have done

Mrs. Ralph Cooper Hutchinson
238 East Wheeling Street
Washington, Pennsylvania

For me, from here it
has gone forth into
the lives of those here
and there. And so
it has been with
hundreds of people
and your life is thus
multiplied many-fold.

In your great
modesty you will not
acknowledge it — but
I do want to thank

You, do come to see
us another time soon.
Be ye in, another
President's house -
most homey and
beautiful and we
shall welcome you
any time.

Ralph would join
me in deepest affe-
tion.

So gratefully,
Harriet Hutchinson

Wednesday noon -

ON MONDAY 1977

Black Mountain June 20th

Dear Dr. Spurr, - I am writing this
little letter - not to be answered, as I
know how busy you are, but just
to say what a comfort and joy the
little book "For Minutes a Day" has been
to me. I love the prayers especially
those marked R. E. S. I sometimes
copy them in my letters to John (Col. G. P. E.)
who is in Southern England with his
Hospital Unit, now turned into a "Narcosis
Center". You ^{will} know what a "Narcosis Center"

is but I did not until I inquired.
Hundreds of boys who are worn out
mentally & physically with too many
Air Raids are sent there for rehabilitation.
I know you will join with me in
praying that his Unit may be successful
in their work. The some contingent of
several hundred which he assembled in
Fl. Bragg are still together. Before the
Invasion, his Hospital or rather the building
was on a beautiful English Estate - which
he spoke of as a "Happy Camp". Now he is
below London, I think near the coast to be
nearer the landing. I shudder when I
hear of those terrible "Robots" buffing on a
Hospital - but we cannot go beyond this
care.

Not long ago, I read such an interesting
bird story. I am sure you have seen it -
"Wings by my Window" I think was the
title, by Mrs. Gowan. It was written
some years ago, but I hope you and Mrs. Spier
^{will} look it up & read it if you have not already
done so. Right now, I wish to say how
much I appreciate your friendship & ^{interest}

includes

1. that of Mrs. Spurr.

With loving remembrance of you
both

Affectingly

Samuel W. Chester

P.S.

You may remember my daughter Elizabeth
who lives in Montclair N.J. Her older daughter
Sue married an Ensign in the Navy - has been on a
Tender in Coney in the ~~Westchester~~ & thereabouts for
for two years - is now a Lieut. & transferred to Pacific -
Amphibian Service. Elsie the younger daughter has just
graduated from Connecticut College (near New Britain)
and married before commitment to a young soldier -
These young people are living in an evil time, but have high
hopes of a better world and a Christian world. S.W.C.

On Montclair Road



Lakeville
Connecticut

Dear Dr. Spear,

You were most
thoughtful to send us your
thoughtful and helpful book
with the many beautiful
words and prayers you

have gathered into such skill,
It is a stimulating book
to turn to for help in this
world of turmoil and strife
in which we find ourselves.

Also, I wish to thank you
for your letter. John is
now about again, and expects
to leave again next term.
Your strength I trust may

return quickly in our air
and part of the bills.

Join joins me in thanks
and wishes for your speedy
convalescence.

Always sincerely
Wm. W. McCleary

Dec. 9th

4215 East 33rd St.
Seattle, Wn.

Dear Dr Speer,

Thank you for your
dear thought of us in
sending us your book, "Five
Minutes a Day". It is full
of treasures, and we shall
be the richer as we get
to know them.

Your visit to Seattle
meant much to many of
us. I hope it may be

next year again. What
you said about the New
Commandment was a real
help to me.

We have good news
from all the family. Please
give my love to Mrs Speer.

Gratefully and affectionately

Frederica.

May the fifteenth.

Frederica Wood Stetson
(Mrs. Walter)

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L. K. ANDERSON
41 BROOK TERRACE
LEONIA, N. J.

December 13th

Dear Dr. Speer.

This is a belated,
yet nonetheless sincere note of appreciation
for your little book of Devotions which
came to the desk recently.

Its usefulness has already
been demonstrated by its immediate popularity.
We all owe you another debt of gratitude for
a timely and satisfying book.

Sincerely yours.

L. K. Anderson

Wm

MRS. JAMES DUGUID
783 LAKE STREET
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

My dear Mr. Speer,

Mr. Schell has sent me "Five minutes a day" and thanking him, must include thanking you also. What a rich gift for these days!! The things lovely and of good report that have lightened your life, all gathered together and given, that we too may enter into their beauty. How eagerly I have searched for your very own offerings and finding them have heard you, as so often at our noon prayer meeting, saying

"Our dear, loving heavenly Father", and
then gone on into His presence with
you. Of course I have found King
Jesus is a "gentle man", and can
hear my mother's voice in the
Scotch words. Have looked in vain
for "The Maister sat at a wee cot
hoose - the Jordan waters near". This
may not be quite correct, but how
often I repeated it to the Scotch
Purks in New England, as from you,
and now have lost my copy you gave me.

Of course, being very practical, or
Scotch, am putting the verses to
work at once, and Majorie Hudnut
Coghlan, daughter of our Dr. Hudnut,
will be using "The beasts and
the Baly" in our Christmas

meeting pageant, on Dec. 8th.

"Five minutes" came while I had again been drawing courage to carry on from the message Mrs. Deen and you sent me ten years ago when my husband went home. Yes, Heaven has become richer, as you both assured me, and "never alone is the Christian who lives by faith and prayer," is an exquisite reality as I live alone and like it.

May your Yule tide be rich with a new sense of again having given to the world the best you have, and may that

best come back to you both
in new, full measure.

Yours gratefully,

Mary Herr Tuguid.

Am sure you realize how triumphant
were the services for Miss Hodge.
I went on to see with Mrs. Taylor
for Monday and Tuesday, and so
entered into the love of the Phila-
delphia friends for their Margaret.
Again Heaven is richer!"

Dear Dr + Mrs Speer,

The little book came while
Orin Welch was away and then it was
misplaced, so I have only gotten it
to-day and I know you must be
wondering why you never heard
from us! We deeply appreciate
your thought of us, and we will treasure

it coming from you and also for
what the little book contains.

Until to-day we have had
very warm weather and it was a
joy to be out in the woods where the
coloring has been wonderful. I wish
we could have gone to the Sinclair
Farm when the leaves had turned.
That was a happy day for us, too.

Charles & Margie are still
with us (for which we are very glad)
but there seems to be no apartment
or small house available. This week
we are expecting our daughter and
her husband, so we are looking
forward to a happy time together.

I hope our paths will cross

again, before too long?

With our love and sincere

thanks,

Very cordially

Evelyn B. Welch

1708 - 31st St.

Nov. 2nd

Dec 26th

JUSTHOMES

PALISADES

NEW YORK

Dear Pop: The Great Day is
over - & many peppy little
children are beginning to
quit down - Oh! for some
of that pep - which does
not come in bottles -
I shall go for the
check - I also the garden
bed which I shall
soon dig into & place
for the coming Spring.
Love from Mamma a
day. To Aunt a Pres-

was let. I am sure we
be enjoyed & treasured
by many - And do you
do it? - What a joy
it must be to feel
Minnie up - & have
her with you - Hope
that I shall soon see
her - Old Uncle student.
Parson. Alan Chesbro of
Princeton Seminary is a
more child. but being
hard - Mr. Kier is a
Chaplain in the Service
My love - & May the coming
Year, bring us all Peace -
Finally Margaret.

Hillcrest
January 14th

Dear Mr. Spier:

Just a word to tell
you how deeply Mother
appreciated your Christ-
mas thought of her, and

how happy she is to
have your work - and to
have it straight from
your hand! She has had
a beautiful time know-
ing in it, and it is go-
ing to be a great comfort
and inspiration to her.

She is looking for-
ward so much to a
glimpse of you when
you come down to
preach at The Hill on the
23rd.

My dear Tom & Mrs.
Rosen and Ts for. You
are both fixed stars in
a very even-eyed uni-
verse!

Affectionately,

Marion Hyde



Wilfred S. Grenfell

Dear Robert

That little book

"Five Minutes" is

so helpful -

Arthur

Thank you for it

*With Best Wishes for Christmas
and the New Year*

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The Reverend and Mrs. Arthur Henry Limouze

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Belleville - Ontario 3rd November

Dear Dr. Speer,-
I understand
you are writing or have
written a new book
of Devotions and that
it is most suitable
for our Armed Forces.

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very centre of one of the
largest R. C. A. F. areas
in Canada - thousands
of men. We are trying
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We have a special library
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before them. They read
them too. Secular for
the Christian life weekly.
Would it be possible for
me to have a copy of
your book for this
purpose. Tell me where
to order. balance we
would need and free.
Grateful for your great
ministry of encouragement.
Have heard your many
lines. Sincerely. Semple.

Wm

PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
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CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL THEOLOGY

November third

Dear Dr. Speer-

Thank you (First) for Five Minutes a Day. I have had it three evenings and spent some hours with it to my profit and now it goes by the head of my bed for evening devotions.

When I wrote you last January the Council had asked for a little book for the Home Front; then they had no money to publish; now they want it; so I am trying to finish it and shall use your page, for which I also say, "Thank you".

This time I will enclose the little book that I put together for the soldiers. (It has gone to 200,000, I've heard.

And again I thank you for our Installation address-mine for I took it to myself and try and make my end of the responsibility come up to your expectation. I am having a glorious time.

*Ever sincerely
Gene Haley*

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between Robert E. Speer

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FIVE MINUTES A DAY

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(Seal)

Witness to signature of Author

Author

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
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My dear Dr. Speer:

FIVE MINUTES A DAY has sold so well that we would like to renegotiate our contract with you. If it is acceptable with you, we would like to go back to the first of the two alternative proposals which we made to you. You will remember that we suggested a royalty of five percent (5%) on the first ten thousand and ten percent (10%) on all copies thereafter. You very kindly and graciously accepted the second proposal, namely, that we pay you a flat fee of \$1,000. Since no one knew what the book would do that seemed to be at the time alright. However, now that half of the first printing is already sold and we have been compelled to place an immediate order for another ten thousand, the proposal is no longer fair to you. We would like therefore to go back to the first proposal in order that you may share with us the success of your book.

If this meets with your approval, would you kindly return to us the contract which we once signed and we will forward immediately to you a royalty agreement based on the above conditions. The thousand dollars which we paid you will then become virtually an advanced royalty and will be deducted from the first royalty payment. The sum which we paid for permissions to use the various poems will of course also be deducted, but even so, as you can readily calculate, your earnings under the new arrangement will quite quickly cover this sum, which ran to \$194.00.

Cordially yours,

L. J. Trinterud
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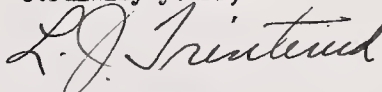
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My dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you very much for your letter of the twenty-seventh and the order for ten copies of FIVE MINUTES A DAY. It is interesting to know that some letters are coming back to you about the book. As soon as any number of reviews have come in we will be glad to forward them to you. I believe THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY had one in not long ago.

Mr. Jenkins, our business manager, is out of town but as soon as he gets back the revised royalty contracts will be mailed to you. The new understanding is, of course, already in effect.

Cordially yours,



L. J. Trinterud

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
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Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for your letter of the twenty-fourth. We are glad to enclose herewith a new set of royalty agreements one of which you will please sign and return to us at your convenience. This book is indeed going well and is being very heartily received by all. I wonder if "Uncle George" does not share our pleasure in the book in which he was so much interested.

The twenty copies which you requested are being sent to you.

Cordially yours,



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Dr. Robert E. Speer
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Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

I am glad to hear that you are finishing up the manuscript on the Good News. We would certainly like to have a chance to examine it. As for having it typed, for the moment I cannot say anything, but we will look around. If we think we can do the book, I rather believe that we can find someone to type the manuscript. Mrs. Trinterud is so heavily involved in THEOLOGY TODAY that I am afraid she could not touch it, but other people can be found, I am sure. If you want us to consider the book for publication in our fall line--which will be one of the strongest lines we have yet had--we must have the manuscript very soon.

Cordially yours,

L. J. Trinterud

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P. S. The books which you ordered have gone forward. We are also enclosing herewith page 261 of the manuscript of FIVE MINUTES A DAY which was overlooked when the manuscript was returned to you.

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you very much indeed for your good foreword to Miss Wyon's THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER. As you guessed, it will be too long to use. We are trying to hold the size of the book down because of the costs and are, therefore, limited in the amount of space which we can use for the foreword. The maximum that we can get into the space allotted is 500 words. What you have written really ought to be held out for an article on prayer some day. If, however, you can recast it without losing too much, that would be fine. We will leave it entirely up to you as to how you proceed. The closer, of course, that the foreword stays to the general content of the book, the better it would be from our point of view.

I have just checked up on the status of FIVE MINUTES A DAY. The second printing is almost all sold and we now have completed the third printing. Thus far, we have printed a total of a little over 52,000 copies, of which about 28,000 are sold. It is still selling well and we are expecting a very good market on it at Eastertime. Dr. Buttrick placed it on the Religious Publishers' List of Lenten Books for Lenten reading and a number of other Lenten lists are featuring it.

We are still looking forward to receiving the manuscript on The Good News.

Most cordially yours,



L. J. Trinterud

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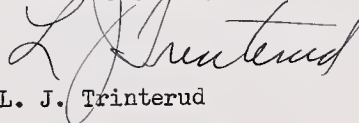
My dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for your letter of the seventh. Since we were somewhat in a hurry to get at the manuscript I called Mrs. Speer by phone, asking if she could send the original to us so that we could insert the corrections on it. When the copy editors have gone through it, we will return both manuscripts to you so that you can examine the whole thing before it goes to the printer.

I did not write saying that we had definitely accepted the manuscript since our Committee has not yet officially passed on it. But I felt so sure that our readers and the Committee would accept it that I wanted to get it in as near final shape as possible at the earliest moment.

Our royalty agreements on regular books are as follows: ten percent (10%) of the retail price on the first five thousand (5,000) copies and fifteen percent (15%) on all copies over five thousand (5,000). Special projects such as FIVE MINUTES A DAY of course take a different royalty rate.

Cordially yours,


L. J. Trinterud

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

Since it is now just a little more than six months since the publication of your book, FIVE MINUTES A DAY, Mr. Trinterud thought you might be interested in seeing some figures on the number of copies of the book printed and distributed. He has, therefore, asked me to send you this report.

<u>Printing</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of books</u>
First	Nov., 1943	25,000
Second	Nov., 1943	13,000
Third	Dec., 1943	<u>15,000</u>

Total no. of copies printed 53,000
Stock on hand 5/31/44 22,529

Total no. of copies distributed 30,471

The total number of copies disposed of includes not only copies actually sold but also review copies, promotional and complimentary copies, and so forth.

Sincerely yours,



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Dr. Robert E. Speer
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Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Mr. Trinterud has asked me to send you a report on your book, FIVE MINUTES A DAY, which was published November, 1943. The following figures will show how many printings of the book have been made, the quantity of books in each printing, and the stock now on hand.

<u>Printing</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Books</u>
First	Nov., 1943	25,000
Second	Nov., 1943	13,000
Third	Dec., 1943	<u>15,000</u>
	Total printed	53,000
	Stock on hand 12/20/44	<u>9,712</u>
	Total no. of copies distributed	43,288

The total number of copies disposed of includes not only copies actually sold but also review copies, promotional and complimentary copies, and so forth.

Sincerely yours,

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June 14, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

Since what we thought was the final settling of all the details connected with clearing permissions for the use of copyrighted material in FIVE MINUTES A DAY, we have learned that a small payment is due for the right to quote some lines of poetry by an English author. Sir John Oxenham's verse has been made available to the Westminster Press at all times for a courtesy fee of ten cents a line and consequently we owe his estate \$8.20 for the eighty-two lines reprinted in your book. While we probably could have avoided paying this sum under American copyright laws, in view of the Canadian sales which fall within British copyright law we felt it was best to pay the fee. We have therefore charged this amount, \$8.20, against your royalty account. We trust this action will meet with your approval.

You may be interested in seeing the most recent figures on the distribution of FIVE MINUTES A DAY:

<u>Printing</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Books</u>
First	Nov., 1943	25,000
Second	Nov., 1943	13,000
Third	Dec., 1943	<u>15,000</u>
Total printed		53,000
Stock on hand 6/13/45		<u>2,910</u>
Total no. of copies distributed		50,090

The number of copies disposed of includes review copies, promotional and complimentary copies, and the like, as well as copies actually sold. A fourth printing of 5,000 books will be delivered in July.

Sincerely yours,

Ada Shearon

Secretary to Mr. Trinterud

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		Royalty - Sales from March 1, 1945 to August 31, 1945		
		Five Minutes A Day U. S. Sales 5,888 copies @ .10		588.80
		Less Canadian Sales 1,270 copies returned @ .05		63.50
				<u>525.30</u>

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
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Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

Mr. Trinterud thought you might be interested in seeing the most recent figures on the printing and distribution of your book, FIVE MINUTES A DAY. The following tabulation shows how many printings were made, the quantity of books printed, and the stock now on hand.

<u>Printing</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Books</u>
First	November, 1943	25,000
Second	November, 1943	13,000
Third	December, 1943	15,000
Fourth	July, 1945	<u>13,000</u>
	Total printed	66,000
	Stock on hand 1/15/46	<u>8,779</u>
	Total number of copies distributed	57,221

You will note that the fourth printing was 13,000 copies instead of the contemplated 5,000 as reported to you in a letter of June 14, 1945. The above tabulation includes, of course, not only copies actually sold, but also review, complimentary and promotional copies, and the like.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs) Mildred Lehr

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Secretary to Mr. Trinterud